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Methodist Church Busy At THE BIG E



VOLUNTEERS AT THE RESTAURANT operated by the Agawam United Methodist Church were kept very busy during the recent 17-day run of THE BIG E. From left - Niel Haidemenos, Karl Bernier, Mary Buss, Nelson St. Marie, Paul Bernier, and Warren Barr. SEE BIG E PICTORIAL INSIDE. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

School Committee Members Have Fit Over Decision On Extra Funding

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

The School Department's two top administrators, along with Mayor Christopher C. Johnson (School Committee Chairman), came under fire by committee members upset over a "managerial decision" made last June without their knowledge or consent.

Reporting on how the additional funds received from the Town Council last April were spent, Associate Superintendent of Schools Donald Charest drew an angry response from committee members at the October 10th meeting.

Some questioned the ethics of the decision. One called it sloppy administration.

All decried the lack of communication that left them unaware that \$40,000 earmarked for supplies to finish out the school year had not been spent.

Rather, the money was used to purchase a credit for supplies to be purchased by each school principal this year.

Last spring, Johnson, at the request of the School Committee, sought and received an additional \$200,000 in funding from the council to cover the costs of overruns in transportation and Special Education (\$160,000), and to cover the cost of supplies to finish out the school year (\$40,000).

Charest said he took a conservative approach to spending the funds in the event of further overruns in areas that are impossible to predict, such

as psychological services.

Charest said he made a "managerial decision" not to spend the supply funds until shortly before closing out the School Department's books in July. By then it was too late for the principals to order supplies and the \$40,000 credit was purchased in June.

Charest said he discussed the decision with Superintendent of School Bernard Ryder and Johnson last year and they agreed.

Johnson said, "My concern as Mayor is that we had told the council supplies would be purchased and supplies were purchased."

Johnson said he told the council the funds set aside to cover the cost of overruns would be returned to the town if costs were less than anticipated (and \$8,000 was returned).

In a memo sent to apprise the council of how the money was spent, Charest said, "I didn't purposely not mention that this was a credit."

Johnson Agrees With Charest

Johnson said he agreed with Charest's course of action, but added, "He should have indicated in his memo that a credit was purchased."

Committee member Teresa Kozloski said she was "very troubled" at being kept in the dark about a financial matter.

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Teachers To Get Pay Hike After Unanimous Vote

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

In a unanimous vote at its October 10th meeting, the School Committee ratified a contract giving the town's 300 teachers and 50 teaching assistants salary hikes of nine percent over three years.

In September, the teachers' union ratified the contract by an overwhelming majority of the members present, according to Agawam Education Association President Andrew Bower.

"It's a fair settlement for us and for the taxpayers," Bower said. "We didn't ask for pie in the sky. We asked for something reasonable. This is comparable to other settlements in Western and Eastern Massachusetts."

Overall, teachers' wages will increase two percent, retroactive to September 1st of this year. For the next two consecutive years, the increase will be 3.5 percent. Starting pay for new teachers will increase to \$22,816. Teachers with a master's degree and 13 years' experience will be paid \$41,295.

In a statement issued jointly with the School Committee, Bower indicated that the AEA was satisfied with the agreement and pleased with the tenor of the negotiations. "The demands of the state Education Reform Bill threatened to complicate negotiations even more than usual," Bower said. "But, both sides were determined to find a way to resolve these new issues in a fair and expeditious manner."

SEE TEACHERS' CONTRACT - Page 2...

Johnson To Use Law Dept. Funds For Plant Study

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

At the request of Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman Ronald Hebert, the town will hire an environmental consultant to render an independent assessment of the data submitted by Berkshire Power and by opponents of the plan to site a 250-megawatt power plant in the industrial park.

Mayor Christopher C. Johnson will hire an environmental consultant using funds from the Law Department's professional consulting account as soon as the bidding process concludes.

At presstime, Johnson said he anticipated the bill could be as high as \$15,000. Final bids were expected before the end of the week.

Johnson said he was utilizing the consulting account rather than going directly to Town Council for a funding appropriation in order to meet the ZBA's late November deadline for rendering its decision.

With time running out on the ZBA's 90-day period for deciding whether or not to grant a special permit allowing BP to build structures higher than 40 feet, Johnson said the month-long process of obtaining council approval would be cutting it too close.

"My goal is to get the consultant in before the deadline," Johnson said. "I want to get these people started."

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TEACHERS' CONTRACT - from Page 1...

Mayor Christopher C. Johnson, School Committee Chairman, indicated the committee was pleased with the hard work and cooperation displayed by both sides at the negotiating table.

"Agawam is fortunate to have outstanding teachers and teaching assistants who care deeply about educating our children. The committee worked hard to reach fair and equitable agreements which will help our school district continue the implementation of ed reform and provide the best education possible to the children."

In order to comply with the mandates of the Education Reform Act, the contract establishes Joint Labor Management Committees to review the teacher evaluation system, performance standards, and professional development programs. A re-opener provision will allow for further negotiations to implement the state's new Time in Learning regulations lengthening the instructional day.

Other Contract Provisions...

Other provisions in the contract include an increase in the non-educational and educational hourly rates for work done by teachers outside the instructional day, such as supervising after-school activities and serving on curriculum committees.

Coaches, assistant coaches, and club advisors will receive a two percent increase in 1995. Base pay for club advisors will increase in 1996, and base pay for varsity coaches, assistant coaches, and junior varsity coaches will increase in 1997.

"We tried to get them comparable to surrounding communities," Bower said. "Everything was taken into account, including the number of games, the number of children, and the number of hours spent on club activities."

Earlier, Bower said the negotiations began in February 1995 and were marked by a spirit of cooperation.

"We can honestly say both parties wanted a quick settlement and worked to avoid any problems," Bower said.

Both Johnson and Bower agreed this is the first time in memory that negotiations have concluded this early in the school year.

The contract will cost the city approximately \$260,000 the first year and \$450,000 each of the two following years.

COMMITTEE ANGRY - from Page 1...

"This is a decision that should have been brought before the School Committee," Mrs. Kozloski said. "I'm elected to oversee the budget and the superintendent."

Committee member Susan Pettazzoni blasted Charest, Ryder, and Johnson for their failure to inform the committee of a "decision of this magnitude." Mrs. Pettazzoni angrily recalled "begging" the council for money urgently needed by the schoolchildren, "while we listened to ourselves being berated night after night (by members of the Council)."

One of the two committee member not seeking re-election (Scott Macey is the second), Louise David said she had an ethical problem with the

decision because it was clearly presented to the council that the schools needed the money to close the budget, and that whatever money was not needed to close the budget would be returned to the town.

Macey said there should be no misunderstanding that the money is desperately needed by all the schools.

"I have no question with ethics and no one should," Macey said. "I'm questioning the sloppy administration and communication."

Member Roberta Doering added, "I sense there's a lack of trust. We're elected to protect the budget and to see that the children get what they need. I implore you to keep us posted. We have a right to know what's going on."

PLANT STUDY - from Page 1...

Johnson rejected suggestions that the town should ask Berkshire Power to foot the bill.

"... An Independent Analysis ..."

"The town contacted the environmental firms and the town will be contracting with a firm," Johnson said. "This is an independent analysis, and I don't want anyone to attack the validity of the report based on who paid for it."

BP Project Manager Kenneth Roberts said he would consider paying for the independent review, adding, "We have a grave concern that the validity of the results would be challenged by our

opponents."

Johnson said it was not unusual for the town to hire environmental consultants to assist town boards and commissions.

In addition to hiring an environmental consultant to assist the ZBA with conflicting information submitted by both sides of the power plant debate, Johnson had asked Town Assessor Chester Nicora to assist the board in determining any impacts on property values.

After receiving high bids with no assurance of obtaining useful information, Johnson said he decided to ask for Nicora's help in the property evaluations. Nicora is licensed appraiser.

ATTENTION CANDIDATES: We strongly suggest you bring us your press releases, letters, and paid advertisements on each of the next three Mondays and not on Tuesday. We open at 6:30 a.m. As usual, we are being buried with election stuff. Again, thanks for your cooperation.

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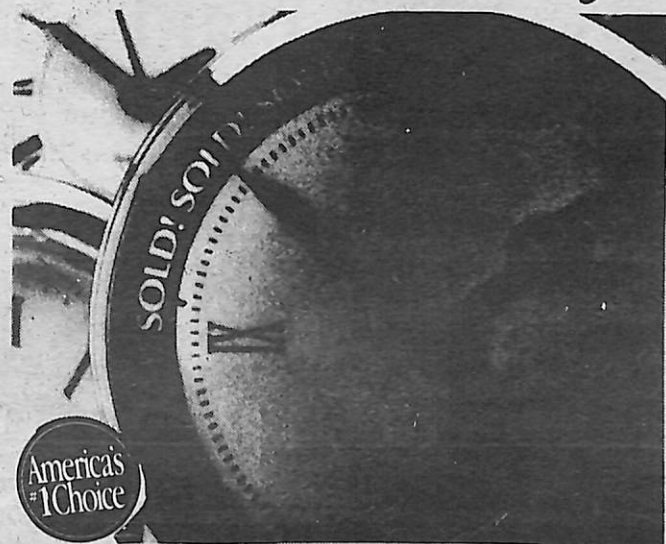
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The AAN Thanked By IRS For Publicizing Tax Information

To The Editor:

With the August 15th extension-of-time-to-file deadline now behind us, the Internal Revenue Service has concluded another successful tax filing season. Before we launch into preparing for next year's, we would like to take the time to recognize your newspaper's efforts in placing tax information in the hands of your readers.

Your dedication to public service helped bring helpful filing tips and up-to-date tax law changes to the Commonwealth's 5.1 million taxpayers. Through drop-in public service announcements, you've helped your readers better understand their tax obligations. With your assistance, refunds totaling \$1.7 billion were returned to Massachusetts residents and the local economy.

Public Affairs Officer Helen Herzer and her staff join with me in thanking you for helping us to educate citizens on tax issues. I hope we can count on you in the future to help us get important tax information messages to your readers.

Sincerely,
Francine Crowley
IRS District Director

Councilor Simpson Shows She's For The People

To The Editor:

At 5:30 p.m. on the night of September 29th, I received a phone call from City Councilor Jill Simpson attempting to clarify her position on referenda regarding the power plant.

She was, from what I gathered, less than ecstatic with what I wrote for that week's *Agawam Advertiser*. For my part, I was amused.

I was, after all, quite aware where she stood. No clarification of her position was necessary. She truly was, and still is, opposed to the people's referendum and prefers only her very own instead. Her conscientious objection to what she regards as a "biased" question cost us the vote of Councilor Bitzas, who would approve only the people's question, and implies of over 2,000 voters a desire to tell something other than the truth about the Berkshire Power Plant. Mr. Bitzas apparently now will act against either question, but at the time, we thought we would trust his word.

We can trust the word of City Councilor Jill Simpson. She may learn in time that her "conscientious" objections endear her to no voter who signed the document, but at least she hasn't lied to city residents. She has continually made her position plain, and is far more willing at least to promote the thought of a referendum.

Her conscientiousness, as demonstrated in her phone call to this resident, has secured her my vote in spite of her steadfast opposition to the people's question. She still wants a question, if not my question, which is the question of the people. At least she will let the people vote on a question, if only her question, and that is something neither the City Council President nor Messrs. Danie, Bitzas, and Taylor will allow.

Five city councilors, in fact, will secure my vote. However, given how these five have voted - on video games, referenda wording, school budget issues, and attempts to shift the tax burden on homeowners - I trust not one of five will assume I'm thrilled with their politics. In any case, I can safely say regarding said five - City Councilors Simpson, Ennis, Caba, Skolnick, and Suffriti - that they have, at least, fought hard to secure your voice in government.

Only four city councilors have not, among the numbers now running, and it is time to kick them out of the sandbox.

Sincerely,
Owen Broadhurst
Agawam

Don't Use Deception When Issuing A Ballot Question

To The Editor:

It is very disturbing to me that the ballot question proposed includes deceptive wording about the amount of pollution from natural gas.

The real deception comes from the fact that the pollution from any, and that means ANY, other type of fuel from wood to oil to hard coal to soft coal exceeds, by far, that from natural gas. I have fired boilers for over 40 years using all these fuels (including natural gas) and ended up with double pneumonia and permanent damage to my lungs from sulfur.

Don't talk to me about pollution. So while I agree with Mr. Lawlor that the smokestack would be too high for that location and that the impact on wetlands may not be acceptable, we shouldn't be distracted by a phony claim, from our main purpose of defeating a sitting Mayor who has always been arrogant and who has grabbed too much power.

The real issues remain for this immediate election. Keep tuned for scandalous fall-out from the Mayor's budget cut in the Health Department.

Thank you,
Walter P. Harrington
Feeding Hills

Concerned Citizens President Responds To Berkshire Power

To The Editor:

I would like to comment on the October 5th article of *The Agawam Advertiser* regarding Berkshire Power and the quotes attributed to Ken Roberts of Berkshire Power.

This was in response to a non-binding referendum question as to whether the residents of this town should be allowed to vote on the construction of a power plant in our town. Because of Councilors Bitzas, Taylor, Danie, Thompson, and Dziardziel, we, the people, will not be allowed to vote.

Ken Roberts quotes: "We reiterate our previous position that to do so would send a wrong message to the business looking to locate in Agawam."

We couldn't disagree more with the substance of this quote. When businesses such as yours come to town, you will not only change the character of Agawam forever, but you have over seven structures that are over the height requirement allowed by our zoning laws. Businesses such as a power plant deserve to be scrutinized by the people. We want to protect the interests of existing businesses and all other potential businesses that come to town with plans that fall into our existing codes.

Furthermore, our City Council has stated that

they do not want "outsiders" telling them how to vote on this issue. Ken, you and Berkshire Power ARE outsiders!

Now to the meat of the comments by Ken Roberts. He was quoted as saying, "I am particularly upset that there have been accusations of corruption made against my company, myself, and members of the City Council. They are completely false, and cross the line of libel and slander."

WHAT ACCUSATIONS OF CORRUPTION?

Ken, you are insinuating that these accusations came from someone in our organization. As President of the Concerned Citizens and Businesses of Agawam, I DEMAND THAT YOU NAME NAMES, WITH QUOTES AND DATES, THAT THESE SO-CALLED "ACCUSATIONS OF CORRUPTION" WERE UTTERED BY SOMEONE IN OUR ORGANIZATION! I want to know who these people are, when and what was said. I want to investigate these "accusations." If you have proof of these "accusations of corruption," I will deal with it personally and publicly. If these "accusations of corruption" were made by someone who is not a member of our organization, I would like it publicly noted.

I will not let these "accusations" of CCBA die. I expect a public response from you, Ken Roberts - Berkshire Power.

Sincerely,
Ken Forni

President of the Concerned Citizens and
Businesses of Agawam

P.S. Ken, you are more than welcome to see the 2,300 signatures that we do indeed have!

Sending Anonymous Letters Displays Cowardice

To The Editor:

On October 4th, I received a memo in the mail postmarked 03 Oct 1995 p.m. Springfield, MA.

This memo was degrading Mayor Johnson and two other councilors. What a piece of trash.

Any coward who slanders any person for any reason and will not sign their name or names to any degrading memo should be ashamed.

Please come forth. Maybe these three people would like to sue whomever for slander.

Ed Ghidoni
Feeding Hills

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Tuesday, October 17th
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At Captain Leonard House,
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Wednesday, October 18th
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by the Agawam Lioness Club
At the Captain Leonard House
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LETTERS - from Page 4...

Rumors About Town Govt.
Are Too Easy To Believe

To The Editor:

*Give us your tired, your poor, your muddled masses,
Dump your wretched refuse on our teeming shore.*

Parody of inscription on the Statue of Liberty
This could be inscribed at the South End Bridge, but is not necessary because Agawam is already a marked town.

A rumored project is a toxic waste storage facility at the end of the future extension of Route 57 near the Southwick border. Please, someone, say it ain't so.

Rumors like these are all too easy to believe because of what we have seen lately from our town government. With election day coming in less than a month, it is time to analyze what we have seen.

1. IT IS A SPENDTHRIFT GOVERNMENT.

With the Mayor in charge, the School Committee has already blown its \$200,000 contingency fund less than a month into the school year.

2. IT IS EASILY SEDUCED BY CASH.

BP had cash to throw around, but WMECO would have been a better choice to build the gas-fired power plant. WMECO is the largest taxpayer in Agawam at \$300,000, is a proven good neighbor that pays its bills, is more regulated, and could sell us the electricity. Please do not take this as an endorsement for building a power plant, but rather as an example to prove a point.

3. IT IS A THREAT TO OUR HEALTH AND SAFETY.

The deadly and toxic materials it wants to store in our town can be unleashed in many ways. This is no exaggeration when you consider that terrorist bombings and natural disasters are on the increase.

4. WHAT ACTION CAN WE TAKE?

a. We can replace the Mayor and the six councilors that repeatedly voted against placing the power plant on the November ballot.

b. We can call for a full audit of government finances before a new mayor takes office.

c. We can revoke the present city charter and invoke one in which the elected officials are the public servants and not us.

Don Hazen
Feeding Hills

AHS Field Hockey Thanks All
For Help With Can Drive

To The Editor:

The members of the Agawam High School Field Hockey Booster Club and the members of the varsity, junior varsity, and freshman field hockey teams would like to thank the following businesses for allowing us to use their establishments as sites for our recent can drive:

Westbank, Feeding Hills Post Office, Partners Restaurant, Dunkin' Donuts (Feeding Hills), Dunkin' Donuts (Agawam Center), Ames, Olde Towne Bagel, and Dave's Soda & Pet Food City.

We would also like to thank all the patrons who contributed to the can drive to make it such a success.

Sincerely,
Booster Club Parents
AHS Girls' Field Hockey

One Person Can Make A
Difference On School Comm.

To The Editor:

Allow me to introduce myself once again. My name is Debra Curtis and I am running for School Committee on November 7th. My three sons, Ian Lane (16), Gregory Curtis (11), and Douglas Curtis (10), all attend Agawam public schools.

My main purpose in writing this letter is to inform you, the public, of my decisions not to do any massive campaigning. I concur 100 percent with Mayoral candidate Karl Stieg and find it refreshing that someone shares my concern for the safety of Agawam residents. Not only do I care about safety, but I care about people's privacy as well as their pockets.

See, I've always had the philosophy that campaigning is for politicians. Well, ladies and gentlemen of Agawam, I am not a politician. I will never become a politician! You won't see my face on anyone's front lawn. You won't see flyers littering up the parking lots of our town businesses, and you won't hear me ringing your doorbell during your family dinner hour.

Simply, I'm a mom on a mission and I don't have the time or money for politics. We all work hard for our paychecks, why should we be throwing it someone else's way? If you want to see your money

well spent, invest it in your children's quality of education. Make a donation to your PTO, your school council, or your school library. These organizations would greatly appreciate your help. I ask that you get involved and stay involved in your child's school.

Word of mouth can be a very effective and instrumental tool in getting my name out in circulation around our town. I know the people of Agawam are ready for new faces and I predict we'll be seeing quite a few all across the board.

Recently, I had the good fortune, so I am told, to draw the number one slot on the ballot for the upcoming election. The way I see it, I drew the number one because I firmly believe that one person can make a difference! Granted, I will be working alongside five other members as well as the mayor, but I will be a leader. I will strive to enlighten my fellow peers as to what is really important in our children's academic lives. I will be visible and available to all teachers, principals, parents, PTO's, school councils, and whomever else needs my help.

I will speak to all, work for all, and be accountable to all!! I say all these things because CURTIS CARES.

Thank you,
Debra Curtis
Agawam

Health Problems Related To
Power Plant In A Community

To The Editor:

I recently read in your newspaper that Nancy Thompson, president of the Town Council, was running for re-election, but most importantly, I read that she was a Registered Nurse.

I am a nurse, also, and I recently asked the pulmonary specialist that I work with what he would do if a power plant was going to be built in his community.

His answer: "Put my house up for sale and move out of town."

I wonder if Ms. Thompson asked this medical question before she voted in favor of the power plant? Or had she not given our lungs a consideration in this deal??

Pamela Bucalo
Agawam

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Council Rejects Call For Putting Curfew On Town's Teens

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

In a 7-3 decision, Town Council rejected the idea of imposing a curfew on teenagers at their last Monday night meeting (October 2nd).

Patterned after Greenfield's juvenile curfew, the matter has been on the council agenda for months as Councilor Thomas Ennis refined his proposal into the "juvenile protection" ordinance considered last week.

The measure would have banned children under the age of 16 from being out in public between the hours of 11:01 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., unless accompanied by a parent.

Also, youngsters working, attending school, religious activities, or traveling home by the most direct route would have been exempt from the curfew. A number of other exceptions to the curfew were spelled out in the proposal.

Voting in favor of the curfew were Councilors Ennis, Edward Caba, and Gary Suffriti. Against were Council President Nancy Thompson, Vice-President Robert Danie, and Councilors David Skolnick, Jill Simpson, James Taylor, Vivian Dziardziel, and George Bitzas.

In a letter to the council, Police Chief Robert Campbell said he did not believe the curfew would be a good tool for the Police Department as there are enough laws in existence to deal with children under the age of 16.

The Police Department must assess resources and prioritize its response to calls, with the most serious getting immediate action, Campbell said. "I do not believe that at any given moment, a curfew would be a high priority. If the law is not enforced or if it is enforced selectively against certain groups, a court challenge would be sure to follow."

Ennis Expresses Disappointment

Ennis said he was disappointed his revised ordinance didn't have a full hearing before the council.

"I don't think it's safe for young people to be out on the streets after 11:00 p.m.," Ennis said.

Danie applauded Ennis' efforts and agreed that children should not be out at night, but he said the issue was a parental one.

"Unfortunately, we can't legislate good parenting," Danie said.

Mrs. Simpson agreed. "It's not up to us to become babysitters. The parents need to start taking action."

Bitzas said the answer to problems involving children is more education and continuing programs like DARE.

Bitzas said the gang workshops he initiated last year should expand to the Junior High and High Schools, with teachers, parents, and students coming together to work with law enforcement.

"Gangs are spreading like an octopus," Bitzas said. "We must act quickly before it's too late."

Danie suggested the possibility of a curfew ordinance designed to be put into effect by the Mayor in an emergency situation.

Caba said he believed it would be beneficial for the town to have a curfew ordinance similar to the one in Greenfield.

As chairman of the council's ordinance committee, Taylor reported that the committee had unanimously rejected a similar draft of Ennis' proposal in July after consulting Campbell.

Agawam Obituary

Stanley A. Whitlock

Stanley A. Whitlock, 81, of Greenville, South Carolina, and formerly of Agawam, passed away on October 5th after a short illness.

He was employed by H.P. Hood of Agawam for many years prior to retiring in 1974.

He is survived by three sons, John (Rita) of Colorado Springs, Colorado, Roger (Doris) of Greenville, and Gerard (Rose Mary) of Agawam; a sister, Gladys Brouillet of Agawam; and nine grandchildren.

Mackey Mortuary of Greenville was in charge of the arrangements. Contributions may be made to the Greenville County Cancer Society, 8 Aberdeen Drive, Greenville, South Carolina 29605.

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LETTERS - from Page 5...

Elected Officials Under Fire From Gross Distortions

To The Editor:

When I first ran for City Council, I said that I was not one to criticize, condemn, or complain. But, some things in this town have denigrated to the point where it is necessary to make an exception to that statement.

For too long, politics in this town have been smeared by a dirty and underhanded sub-culture. Much unfounded, libelous, and slanderous material and rumor has been circulating about me and many of my fellow elected officials. The people responsible for these ignorant, often personal attacks are to be condemned by all intelligent people who encounter such misinformation. I, and my fellow elected officials, have remained silent on this matter, probably for too long, in an attempt to remain above the nastiness.

However, it is time for the decent people of Agawam, me and my fellow elected officials included, to condemn, in the strongest of terms, the persons responsible for the rumor, innuendo, slander, and gross distortions that have been strewn about this town like the autumn leaves.

In addition, we have witnessed recent public meetings where substantive data about issues have been supplanted by uncalled for personal attacks on elected officials, business people, and citizens. Indeed, many public officials have taken unnecessary abuse from people who are unwilling to allow their fellow man & woman, to express an opposing viewpoint. I welcome dialogue, even lively debate, ON THE ISSUES! For debate is an important learning tool in any forum. But, that debate must focus on the thing at hand, and not the people involved.

In a democratic republic where we live, we the people have chosen representative majority rule as our way of self-government. As an elected official, I have accepted the will of that majority, without throwing a fit when I'm in the minority, and then moved on to the next important issue. It is time for others to do the same.

Therefore, I am calling for a return to decorum, respect, civility, and acceptance by all participants in governmental processes and our hometown of Agawam.

Most sincerely,
James D. Taylor
Agawam City Council

Joseph F. Langone Is A Good Choice For City Council

To The Editor:

Dear Voters Of Agawam:

We respectfully request that you cast one of your 11 votes for Joseph F. Langone for City Council.

Joe has the background as a graduate of Assumption College with honors and as an instructor for over five years with the Massachusetts Career Development Institute to analyze your concerns and articulate his viewpoints in a professional manner so that all the citizens of Agawam will be proud of his representation.

ATTENTION CANDIDATES: We strongly suggest you bring us your press releases, letters, and paid advertisements on each of the next three Mondays and not on Tuesday. We open at 6:30 a.m.

He is a candidate for all the right reasons based upon his concern, hopes, and aspirations for our community with no axe to grind about anyone or anything.

Mr. Langone is listening to the people and discussing the issues in an open, positive, and honest manner. He is bright and energetic, but also caring about the problems our Town and its citizens face.

We urge you to vote for Joseph F. Langone. He is the right choice for the right reasons.

Anthony C. Bonavita
and Adele Bonavita
683 Cooper Street
Agawam

Mayor Does Not Belong On School Committee

To The Editor:

The Town Council should rule that the mayor not be on the School Committee in any capacity, certainly not as chairman.

This demeans and demoralizes the Committee and does not indicate leadership, but interference. The Mayor has done much for the city, for which he is due proper credit. It is simply poor policy.

We salute the Mayor for his enthusiastic endorsement of the Agawam Tree Inventory program, which begins this October, and which I am happy to be involved in as a volunteer.

The Mayor has too much power and influence over the Committee, which is diminished in its ability to create and carry out policy. It is enough for the Mayor to conduct school business with the Superintendent of Schools.

This act by the Town Council will truly empower the School Committee to be fully responsible to their calling, to the students, and the citizens.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rudolph H. Stone, Resident
Heritage Hall North
Jason Kibly

Age 13, Agawam Jr. High
Grade 8

Stieg Should Be Applauded For Putting Safety First

To The Editor:

I applaud candidate Karl Stieg's decision to refrain from political sign-holding along town streets. Finally, along comes a candidate who has the courage to put safety first and political expediency second.

I would rather have the opportunity to meet the candidate face-to-face as with door-to-door campaigning than be greeted by an impersonal wave as I go about my business.

Perhaps other candidates will follow Mr. Stieg's example and make our streets safer for campaign volunteers and motorists alike.

Very truly yours,
Walter T. Kerr
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Town Seeks Grant For 14-Acre Purchase Next To Perry Lane

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

The town stands to gain an additional 14 acres of parkland under the provisions of a bill pending in the Senate Ways and Means committee.

In August, State Representative Daniel Keenan notified the town that the House had authorized \$80,000 for the acquisition of the Hall property abutting Perry Lane Park.

In a letter sent to Agawam Mayor Christopher C. Johnson, Keenan states, "I appreciate the opportunity to enhance the quality of life in Agawam, and I look forward to working with you on future projects to benefit the residents of Agawam."

Late last month, Johnson sent a memo to Town Council requesting assistance in gaining the passage of the bond bill that will preserve the 14 acres of meadows and pristine woodlands as open space.

Excellent Outdoor Classroom Potential

The parcel, currently owned by Robert W. and Ann T. Hall of Agawam, includes a wetland considered by the Conservation Commission to represent a textbook example of a diverse ecosystem. The area has excellent potential as an outdoor classroom, according to Johnson.

The northern and eastern edges of the property abut Perry Lane Park, the town's 34-acre recreational area. In addition to the swimming pool, tennis, and basketball courts, the park houses the Early Childhood Center and Perry Lane Park Nursery School. More than 200 children attend preschool at Perry Lane each year. During the summer, Perry Lane Day Camp serves over 400 children.

The town acquired Perry Lane Park in 1986 from the Springfield YMCA with funds obtained through an Urban Self Help Grant.

Johnson said acquiring the Hall property is of key importance to the town because it will protect the wetlands from future development; allow for the creation of nature/outdoor educational trails; provide land to expand Perry Lane Park's under-sized parking lot, and protect the park from the potential impact of residential development.

Johnson said the town has paid for an appraisal of the property. This appraisal indicates the fair market value of the parcel is \$80,000, and the owners have indicated their willingness to sell at that price.

The Remains Of Mill Pond

The stream and the wetlands on the property are the remains of the old Mill Pond created by artificial dam by the Agawam Wollen Mill on Elm Street. Constructed prior to 1812, the mill operated until the depression of the 1930's. The dam remained intact until the big flood of 1955. Since the dam was not rebuilt after the flood, the property has developed into a forest and wetlands.

Under the provisions of the Open Space Bond Bill, the state would acquire the property and then enter an agreement with the town for operation and maintenance of the property. The bill approved by the House authorizes the department of environmental management to spend \$28.5 million to acquire lands fronting on rivers and coastal areas and for the design and construction of recreational facilities.

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TOWN OF AGAWAM
INVITATION FOR BIDS
AGAWAM HOUSING AUTHORITY

Sealed proposals for SNOW PLOWING AND SNOW REMOVAL will be received until 4:00 P.M. on Monday, October 16, 1995 at the Agawam Housing Authority office at Meadowbrook Manor, Agawam, MA 01001. Specifications available at office.

Robert Watson
Chairman

Published: October 12, 1995

State's Environmental Secretary Accepts Berkshire Power's Impact Report

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Last week, Berkshire Power learned the state has accepted its Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) and identified a few areas of concern to be addressed in the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR).

In a five-page document, Secretary of Environmental Affairs Trudy Coxe found Berkshire Power's DEIR adequately and properly complies with the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (and with its implementing regulations, thereby adequately addressing most of the issues raised in BP's Environmental Notification Form).

BP's project Manager Kenneth Roberts said his company was pleased with the state's findings and would have no problem addressing the concerns in their FEIR.

Putting the report in perspective, Roberts said, "This is a big win for Berkshire Power. Usually, there are very many pages of issues raised. The fact that this report is only five pages long clearly shows how thoroughly our document was prepared."

The issues BP's FEIR must address include visual impact of the planned smokestack, air quality offsets, agricultural soils preservation, noise, and the water quality of the wetlands at the \$180 million proposed plant off Shoemaker Lane.

In the report, Ms. Coxe points out that all air pollutant concentrations are below Significant Impact Levels with a stack as low as 125 feet. However, BP would be required to obtain a waiver from the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to lower the stack from the Good Engineering Practice standard of 167.5 feet.

Roberts said BP is seeking a waiver to lower the height of the stack. While a 125-foot stack is a technical possibility, an eventual stack height of 150 to 160 feet is more likely.

"We're going to ask them (DEP) how low they will let us go," Roberts said.

In compliance with the federal Clean Air Act, BP must acquire Emission Reduction Credits (offsets) equal to 126 percent of the amount of nitrous oxide the power plant will produce (by essentially purchasing the emission rights of companies that are shutting down existing facilities).

Roberts said BP is in the process of purchasing the necessary offsets and has a broker looking into the market for offsets within New England and possibly as far away as New Jersey.

Roberts said the design of the project's stormwater management system will safeguard the on-site wetlands by retaining runoff in a detention basin equipped with an oil/water separator before stormwater is released to the wetland.



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Looking Back...

by David Gallano
Agawam Historian



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OCTOBER 17th - COUNCIL OK's SIGN SIZE, LIGHTING ORDINANCE.

The town's new sign ordinance has been passed by the Town Council. The law, which by and large reduces the size, shape, and lighting of signs in all areas, passed through its second and third readings on 11 to 3 and 12 to 2 votes. Another key feature of the law forces all nonconforming signs to conform or be torn down in five years.

Delayed to November 6th was a public hearing on a zone change requested by Carlo Bonavita for the southeast corner of Silver and Suffield Streets to permit the construction of a \$2 million shopping center. The Planning Board had previously turned down this request.

OCTOBER 17th - COUNCIL SPONSORS A BILL ALLOWING CONVERSION OF LICENSES

The Town Council finally approved the sponsoring of a bill in the General Court which would allow the Liquor License Commission to convert 15 seasonal all-alcoholic licenses to full-year permits. Approval was expected following last week's License Commission agreement to hold public hearings on each license conversion before commission action.

OCTOBER 17th - SARACINO DUBBED "OUTSTANDING CITIZEN"

The West Springfield-Agawam Lodge of Elks has chosen Raymond A. Saracino as Agawam Outstanding Citizen. Saracino's selection was based on his 23 years of coordinating and organization of children's sports and 16 years of elected public office. The award is made each year based on service to the community in the areas of youth activities and government. He is one of the organizers of the Agawam Athletic Association.

He has served the town as an elected town meeting member, has served two terms on the Park, Playground and Recreation Commission, has served two terms on the Planning Board, and is currently serving as an assessor.

OCTOBER 21st - WESTMAN CRITICS FORCE MEETING ON "JUDGEMENT CALLS"

Pressure by a group of residents critical of Town Manager James D. Westman's performance - including a feud with the police chief - have prompted the Town Council president to summons Westman to a meeting with the council.

The issues involve the dump, the rubbish contract, Cable TV, police cruisers, and the standing of a police study requested by Westman.

"We want to bring light to these areas, not heat. We want an understanding. One thing I want to make clear is that I don't want to sack the manager, but I'm out to find out why we can't get things done more quickly." Councilors Donald Rheault and Ken Barnes also made special appeals today to residents in Precinct 3 "to contact us" with any questions they might want answered at the special meeting.

Senator Melconian's Committee Hears Testimony On Area Manufacturing Jobs

Senator Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield), Chairwoman of the Senate Committee on Science and Technology, held a public hearing recently on her bill which contains incentives to create new manufacturing jobs in Massachusetts.

The legislation seeks to improve the Commonwealth's business climate by reducing the cost of doing business in Massachusetts. By focusing on the manufacturing sector, Senator Melconian hopes to reverse the economic downturn during the past decade—225,000 manufacturing jobs lost since 1984. This erosion of the state's manufacturing base has directly resulted in the loss of \$9 billion in employee salaries and close to \$400 million in personal income tax revenues.

Senator Melconian stated, "Maintaining the economic status quo in this state is unacceptable. We must improve the business climate or face the risk of seeing more businesses leave the state. The only affordable and fiscally responsible solution is to phase-in incentives targeting the engine that drives our economy, manufacturing. Each manufacturing job supports three jobs in the economy and most provide high wages and benefits, such as health insurance."

A study by the Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation, released in August, found that Massachusetts ranks among the top 10 most expensive states in five key business costs—health care, unemployment insurance, electricity, manufacturing wages, and corporate income taxes.

The only leading business indicator that significantly improved over the past two years is workers' compensation. Although the state's business climate has experienced overall gains, Massachusetts is losing ground to lower cost states such as North Carolina, Tennessee, and Kentucky, which all rank among the top 10 states in attracting new manufacturing plants. In stark contrast, Massachusetts ranked 40th, with three new manufacturing plants built in the state in 1994. By comparison, Ohio came in first with 229 new manufacturing plants.

"While we cannot and should not get into a bid-

ding war to lure companies into the state, we can level the playing field. By reducing the disincentives to locating or expanding here, Massachusetts can capitalize on its numerous advantages—universities that produce an abundant supply of highly skilled workers, a high quality of life, clusters of technological expertise, networks of specialized suppliers, and a vibrant venture capital market. Unless the business climate improves, Massachusetts will not be able to compete for the best jobs of the 21st Century. The new reality is that a company can conduct R & D in Massachusetts and built its product in Arizona," added Senator Melconian.

Highlights of Senator Melconian's bill include:

- * A single sales factor apportionment formula for manufacturers that calculates the tax burden for companies doing business in Massachusetts solely on the basis of in-state sales.

- * Making the 3 percent investment tax credit permanent.

- * Replacing the current R & D tax credit, which penalizes Massachusetts defense contractors for the decline in federal defense spending, with a new 3 percent tax credit that covers all R & D expenditures.

- * Sales tax exemptions for energy used by manufacturers in research and development facilities and pollution control equipment used in the manufacturing process.

- * Creating a commission to study methods to contain workers' compensation costs, including managed care arrangements.

- * Increasing competition in the electric utility industry by directing utilities to restructure their rates and open up access to the wholesale market for electricity.

Those testifying in support of the bill included: Associated Industries of Massachusetts, Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation, Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce, Massachusetts High Technology Council, Raytheon, Digital Equipment Corporation, Competitive Power Coalition, and the Center for Advanced Fiberoptic Applications.

State Rep. Keenan Recognizes October As "Domestic Violence Awareness Month"

Joining with advocates from across the state, Representative Daniel F. Keenan and his colleagues in the Massachusetts Legislature are recognizing October as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month." Endeavoring to raise public awareness, Rep. Keenan has renewed his vow to eradicate this hateful crime and to provide the appropriate victim support services within the community.

"Domestic violence has reached every segment of our society regardless of culture, race, occupation, income level, age, geography, and gender. In 1995 alone, Massachusetts residents have been the witness to at least 30 domestic violence homicides. Outraged by these staggering numbers, we are constantly reminded that, while our efforts to date have produced some positive results, domestic violence remains a constant threat to far too many of our neighbors," stated Rep. Keenan.

Having developed a comprehensive strategy to deal with this societal ill, previous legislative efforts have successfully reformed the bail laws which now allow judges to consider the risk associated with a defendant when establishing

bail, enacted the "abuse prevention law" which requires the immediate suspension of a license to carry a firearm upon the issuance of a restraining order, and increased budgets substantially for domestic violence prosecution programs.

Rep. Keenan and his colleagues were able to build on these efforts this year by enacting an overhaul of the state's warrant management system. By funding a new computerized system, judicial officials will be given the resources needed to ensure that perpetrators of domestic violence, who more times than not are repeat offenders, are kept off the street. Other initiatives adopted this year include funding for training of judicial personnel on domestic violence issues, continued funding for women-at-risk shelters, and domestic violence prevention specialists in the state's Department of Social Services.

"As a public policy maker, I am committed to assisting those who are living in fear of their domestic partner. I will continue to provide the necessary statutory framework and financial resources to our law enforcement and judicial personnel which will lead us on the road to ending domestic violence," concluded Rep. Keenan.

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Ag. Democrats To Honor Charest & Balboni Oct. 22

The Agawam Democratic Town Committee is pleased to announce that Raymond E. Charest and Walter A. Balboni will be honored at this year's Annual Agawam Democratic Town Committee Breakfast on Sunday, October 22, 1995, beginning at 10:00 a.m. at Betty's Old Towne House on Walnut Street in Agawam.

The public is invited to join us in celebrating this year's honorees, who exemplify lifetimes of public service.

Raymond E. Charest is being honored, in memorium, for his years of dedicated service to the Town and the people of Agawam. During the 51 years in which he lived in Agawam, Charest held offices as varied as Selectman, Town Meeting member, member of the Board of Registrars, Police Commissioner, secretary of the Police Building Committee, clerk of the works for the Peirce school renovation, Senior Citizens' Center Building Committee member, and Senior Citizens' Housing Committee member.

Charest was also active in a number of local civic organizations, including the Agawam Democratic Town Committee, the Agawam Lions Club, and the Agawam-West Springfield Lodge of Elks.

Earlier this year, the Democratic Town Committee honored Charest with a Memorial Bench and dedication ceremony at the Agawam Country Club. Charest retired in 1978 from the former American Bosch Company.

Walter A. Balboni, also a lifetime Democrat, is certainly no stranger to the Agawam political and civic scene.

Balboni's career in public service began in 1946 when he was elected to the office of Town Constable, and continues to date as a member of the current City Council. He is being honored for a lifetime of dedication to the Democratic Party and the people of Agawam.

Like Charest, Balboni has served the Town in a variety of elected and appointed positions. Most notably, he was elected to eight terms on the School Committee, two terms to the Agawam Housing Authority, and two terms to the City Council.

During those terms, Balboni served as Chair of the School Committee for four years and Chair of the Housing Authority for four years. Balboni recently withdrew from the Council race for health reasons. His appointed offices include membership on the Finance Committee and Personnel Board, as well as 20 years as an Auxiliary Police officer.

Balboni cites as the highlights of his years in public service the following programs he initiated: bringing computers into the Agawam classrooms; the soccer program at Agawam High; summer enrichment program for Agawam students; participation in the A.F.S. Student Exchange Program; the learn-to-swim program in the school system; and line item budgeting for the Town.

The Democratic Town Committee is proud to honor two of their own, whose dedication to public service combines to total almost a century of public commitment and action to better the Town of Agawam.

Join us in honoring Raymond E. Charest and Walter A. Balboni. For ticket information, please contact Barbara Dunn at 786-7147, or Joanne Willis at 786-4545 (day) or 789-1360 (nights).

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State. Rep. Keenan Seeks To Freeze Rates On Labor Insurance

Adding yet another item to the list of business-friendly initiatives enacted by the State Legislature, the Massachusetts House of Representatives has moved to freeze the unemployment insurance rates for 1996 at the current level. Representative Daniel F. Keenan stated that, if enacted, this legislation would save the Commonwealth's employers \$180 million.

"Clearly this measure will be a benefit to employers of all sizes throughout the state," said Rep. Keenan. "Given the data we have collected, all indications are that the state's unemployment trust fund will continue to grow in 1996. Therefore, I feel compelled to pass these savings along to employers in a timely manner."

If successful, the freeze would be the third year in a row that the Legislature has accomplished the task, resulting in \$540 million being retained by Massachusetts businesses. "By enacting this and other economic development pieces, we hope to see the local business community re-invest these monies in job-creating ventures and other projects which serve as stimuli to our overall economy," added Rep. Keenan.

Devastated by the recession three years ago, the state's unemployment trust fund was borrowing \$4 to \$5 million a day in order to pay benefits to unemployed workers. Due to these circumstances, the Legislature reformed the system in 1992, restoring solvency and eliminating the black cloud of debt which hung over the heads of Massachusetts employees. The legislative reform also ensured that unemployed workers would not have to fear about future benefits.

"By continually searching for creative economic development and job-creating strategies to improve the business climate of the Commonwealth, I am proud of the extraordinary strides we have made in the Legislature in this regard. I plan to continue forging a healthy partnership between the public and private sectors which will reap good and stable jobs for the residents of Massachusetts," concluded Rep. Keenan.

Environmental Trust Supported By Keenan

State Representative Daniel F. Keenan is pleased to announce that he has co-sponsored a bill which, if adopted, will establish a Western Massachusetts Environmental Trust Fund. The bill seeks to remedy the discrepancy between eastern Massachusetts and western Massachusetts which was created by existing Environmental Trust legislation.

Funds generated from the sale of the state's environmental license plate (whale tail) benefit the watersheds in the eastern part of the state that drain into the Atlantic Ocean. The proposed bill will create a new trust fund, funded by a separate license plate.

"This legislation will safeguard the environmental health of waterways in Western Massachusetts," said Rep. Keenan. "It is imperative that we protect these important natural resources." The trust will provide funds to non-profit organizations, municipalities, and education groups to help with preservation and restoration projects, educational programs, and scientific research.

Watersheds protected under this trust fund will include the Babish, Chicopee, Connecticut, Deerfield, Farmington, French, Hoosic, Housatonic, Kinderhook, Millers, Quincbaug, and Westfield Rivers. Motorists will find available a distinctive Western Massachusetts Environmental Trust Fund registration and plate for private passenger motor vehicles on the theme of enhancing water quality in western Massachusetts rivers.

LEGAL NOTICE

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TOWN OF AGAWAM AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD

The Agawam Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Thursday, October 19, 1995 at 7:15 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of Juliano for a Definitive Subdivision Plan of Meadowland Estates, a proposed 7 lot subdivision to be located off of Meadow Street.

By Order of Charles R. Calabrese, Chairman
Agawam Planning Board
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34 Agawam Residents Receive Training For Street Tree Inventory On October 14th

Thirty-four residents of Agawam have volunteered, received training, and are now ready for a street tree inventory to take place this Saturday, October 14th. Agawam now joins Springfield and Brookline, Massachusetts as one of the first in the entire United States to participate in this unique urban forest management program.

As proposed by the town's Beautification Committee (which voiced the concerns of many residents over the loss of trees in the community), the town's Planning and Development Office, with the endorsement of Mayor Johnson, applied for and received a \$5,000 grant from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Management.

The grant consists of three components. The first provides for an inventory of Agawam's street trees; the second provides for the development of a tree management program; and the third provides for the development of a long-range management plan with emphasis on Agawam's gateways.

The tree inventory scheduled for this Saturday is the implementation of the first segment of the grant. Deborah Dachos, Director of Planning, said the town is extremely fortunate to have gained the services of Dr. H. Dennis P. Ryan III of the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, to assist in the inventory and the training of volunteers.

Dr. Ryan, assisted by David Bloniarz (also from the University), conducted a two-hour training ses-

sion for all Agawam volunteers at the Springfield Science Museum on the evening of September 26th. When complete, the tree information gathered will be computerized and entered on all new street maps under a new and very innovative system called GIS, Geographic Information System.

One of the conditions of the grant is that there will be widespread community involvement. Included in the 34 citizen volunteers are representatives from at least eight civic and service organizations, which include the Boy Scouts and students from Agawam High School's S.A.V.E. program.

As Dr. Ryan pointed out in his training session, he hopes that each participant will not only have an enjoyable educational experience in the gathering of valuable data to be entered into the town's data base, but he also hopes each will also become an emissary to the community at large as to the important role that the "urban forest" plays in the quality of life of all residents.

Speaking for the Agawam Beautification Committee, John Zebryk said, "With the help of the Mass. Dept. of Environmental, the University of Mass. Urban Forestry Project, and the many interested citizens of Agawam, we now are on the threshold of developing a plan enabling us to replace trees which in the past were only removed when found to be diseased or damaged."

Subsidized Housing Becomes Available For People On Higher Fixed Incomes

The Agawam Housing Authority wishes to notify local seniors that the long standing asset limit of \$15,000 for applicants applying for subsidized housing has been raised to \$34,632 for a single person and to \$43,776 for a couple.

The Board of Commissioners voted at their September meeting to increase the limits and to request a waiver from state regulations in order to accommodate more local seniors. The state has notified us of their approval and new limits will become effective on 10/15/95. Anyone who has been turned down because their assets exceeded \$15,000 may now re-apply if they are not over the above amounts.

For the public's information, the current limits

for subsidized housing is \$17,696 for a single person and \$20,224 for a couple. The waiting time for a local applicant presently is approximately six months.

The Housing Authority has barrier-free units designed especially for wheel-chair bound individuals. Also available are congregate units designed with the more frail individual in mind. It is a unique housing alternative which combines the housing and service needs of elders who may have physical limitations not requiring 24-hour supervision or medical care.

For further information, interested parties are urged to contact the Agawam Housing Authority at 786-1297.

ATTENTION CANDIDATES: We strongly suggest you bring us your press releases, letters, and paid advertisements on each of the next three Mondays.

Fire Wise

by Fire Chief David Pisano Observing Nat'l Fire Prevention Week

The Agawam Fire Department is currently observing National Fire Prevention Week (October 8th through October 14th).

Fire Prevention Week commemorates one of the worst fires in American history—the 1871 Great Chicago Fire. On October 9th of that year, 250 people died and over 17,000 buildings were destroyed in a fire where the property damage was estimated at \$169 million. The Fire Marshal's Association established Fire Prevention Day in 1911 to publicize the fire problem.

In 1922, President Harding claimed National Fire Prevention Week, and since that time the National Fire Protection Association has been the official sponsor of Prevention Week activities throughout the nation.

However, the Agawam Fire Department wants you to remember that fire safety should be practiced every day, and offers the following suggestions:

- Install and maintain smoke detectors on every level of your home.
- Have a home fire escape plan and practice it with your family.
- Keep matches and lighters out of the hands of children.
- Have home heating systems and chimneys inspected by a professional.
- Store flammable liquids in safety cans and outside the house.

If you have any questions or need additional information, contact the Agawam Fire Department at 786-2662.

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TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main St., Agawam, on THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1995 at 6:30 P.M. for all parties interested in the appeal of JOSEPH KOWAL, D/B/A/ J.K. TOOL CO, INC. which is seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 180-7, Paragraph B (2), of the Zoning Ordinances, which would allow for the construction of an addition, at the premises identified as 41 Russo Circle.

Ronald Hebert, Chairman

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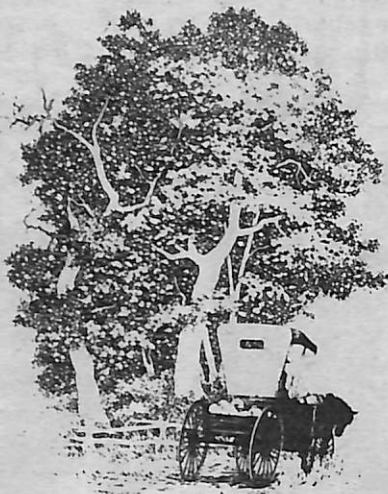


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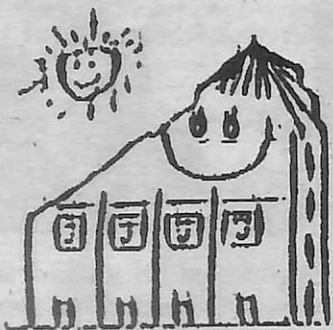


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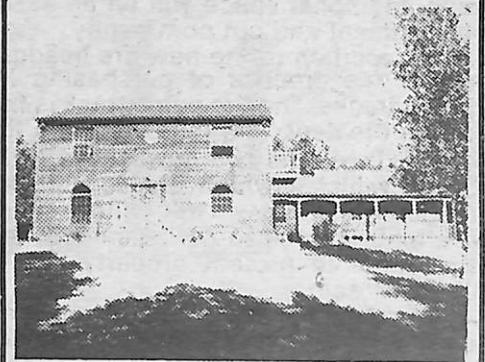
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Johnson Continues To Work Hard To Help Agawam Fire Dept.

"During my tenure as mayor, I have worked hard to introduce new technology and improve the working conditions of our fire department and emergency medical services," said Mayor Christopher C. Johnson in a campaign statement.

"After close to 20 years on the drawing board, the town has begun construction of a new fire headquarters on Main Street. The new headquarters will alleviate overcrowding and provide room for future growth in our community and our fire department. The new station will replace the Elm Street station which is close to 100 years old and too small to house modern fire apparatus. The new headquarters with its colonial design and additional space will be an asset to our fire department and our community."

"In addition to the new fire headquarters, we are in the process of purchasing two new fire pump trucks. The fire pump truck is the workhorse of the fire dept. and the core of its firefighting capabilities. The two new trucks will replace existing vehicles which are 20 and 30 years old, respectively. They will allow our dedicated firefighting force to utilize modern technology in the battle to protect property and save lives," Johnson said.

"The emergency medical services has also undergone tremendous improvement over the past few years. Our community is fortunate to have a highly professional and dedicated group of emergency medical technicians who care very deeply about the public they serve. They have worked hard to improve the level of care they provide by introducing advance life support (ALS) services in the town."

"With ALS, the fire department can now perform more advanced life saving techniques and services to citizens in need. The department has also significantly increased the number of paramedics working on the ambulance. In addition to improving the level of services, the department recently purchased another new ambulance and plans to equip the new fire pump vehicles with lifesaving equipment such as semi-automatic defibrillation devices."

"I am very proud of the outstanding services provided by the dedicated firefighters and emergency medical technicians in our fire department, and I pledge to continue my support of their vital mission," Johnson concluded.

Bitzas Committee To Meet Oct. 15th

The Committee to Re-Elect Councilor George Bitzas will have its first organizational meeting Sunday, October 15th, 7:00 p.m., at 33 Fernwood Drive.

If you would like to attend and assist George during his campaign by holding a sign or putting a sign on your lawn, please call George at 789-1464 or come to the meeting.

Anyone wishing to contribute to the campaign may do so by sending donations to the Committee to Re-Elect George Bitzas at 33 Fernwood Drive, Agawam, MA 01001. All contributions would be greatly appreciated.



MAYOR CHRISTOPHER C. JOHNSON, family, and supporters gathered for a fundraiser on October 4th at The Oaks banquet facility on Suffield Street. Johnson is seeking his fourth term as mayor. Above, he and his wife, Anna (left of the mayor) are pictured with members of the family. **BELOW**, the Johnsons are pictured with longtime supporters - **Andrew Jorgensen, Ray Moreau, Patrick Nolan, Ronald Lalancette, Joann McGeoghan, and Dean Edson.** Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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Mayor Says Senior Center Thriving

"One of the most active facilities that the town operates is the Agawam Senior Center. It sponsors and provides a wide variety of wonderful events and activities for our elderly population. It also provides critical health and nutrition services to senior citizens both in their home and at the center. I enjoy visiting the center and receive great advice and guidance from all the terrific seniors who are there," said Mayor Christopher C. Johnson in a campaign statement.

"The fastest growing segment of Agawam's population is residents over age 60. At the present time, senior citizens comprise nearly 25 percent of Agawam's population and that number continues to grow. The hub of the town's service network for seniors is the Agawam Senior Center. The Senior Center provides an outstanding nutrition program for the elderly who visit the center. In addition, the Senior Center also runs an extensive Meals on Wheels program for seniors who have difficulty traveling. The Senior Center serves over 50,000 meals per year to our seniors.

"As mayor, I have worked hard to improve the nutrition program at the center by nearly doubling the size of the kitchen at the center and purchasing many new pieces of kitchen equipment. Some of the acquisitions include a new tilt skillet, vegetable steamer, milk cooler, walk-in freezer, gas stove, and a floor mixer. Over the past six years, the town, with the help of many donations, has expended close to \$50,000 to purchase new kitchen equipment for the center. The town has also made a significant investment in the center itself with the conversion of the electric heating

system to natural gas and the replacement of the electric hot water heaters with gas fired units.

"The town has also been working on plans to expand the center to accommodate the growing senior population and to provide more activities and events. The Council on Aging has been working with a local architect on expansion plans, and the town has applied for state grant funding to assist with the cost of design and construction," said Johnson. "The proposed addition to the Senior Center will nearly double the size of the building which will allow for more specialized activity space, more office space, and an expanded dining area.

"The Senior Center sponsors many activities for seniors and residents of all ages. Some of those activities include lessons of all types, picnics, an annual health fair, health clinics, entertainment, and bingo. One event that I sponsor is

the pool tournament between the men's pool club at the center and the high school students. The tournament is a great inter-generational program, and it is a lot of fun.

"Agawam is fortunate that the center enjoys the support of many wonderful groups such as the Friends of the Agawam Senior Center, which is a group of caring residents who raise funds to support the vital services provided by the center. The dedicated and hard working staff at the center are also augmented by an army of volunteers.

"The combination of a great staff supported by many dedicated volunteers and organizations make the Agawam Senior Center the best Senior Center in the state. I pledge my continued strong support of the Agawam Senior Center and our wonderful senior population," Johnson concluded.



MAYOR AND MRS. CHRISTOPHER C. JOHNSON are pictured at the Mayor's October 4th fundraiser at The Oaks with their nephew, Bobby Johnson, and little niece, Gabriella Spear. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Stieg Addresses Needs Of Our Senior Citizens

In a press release issued this week, mayoral candidate Karl Stieg stated, "I am fortunate to have first-hand knowledge of some of the needs of our senior citizens. My mother is 78, and my dad is 87 and an invalid. My mom provides home care for my father. No one appreciates the need to care for our senior community more than I do. My mother's example has taught me the value of helping those who are in need. She has been a volunteer teacher for the blind, the handicapped, and the elderly for over 30 years.

"As I move around the town of Agawam, introducing myself to many senior citizens and discussing the important concerns facing this community, I have found that one of the most difficult problems facing our senior population is their struggle to cope with skyrocketing costs while living on a fixed income. I am troubled by the fact that each year our senior citizens are forced to use more and more of their limited resources to pay for increased property taxes. These individuals do not have children in the school system and use a limited amount of the town's other services, but they continue to pay more and more each year. Most have been long-term residents and taxpayers and have made valuable contributions to the quality of life in Agawam. Something should be done.

"In an effort to help with this situation, I have discussed with State Representative Daniel Keenan a program similar to one offered in Hartford, Connecticut of which my elderly parents have been able to take advantage. If elected, I will propose that, in conjunction with the Commonwealth, the town of Agawam develop a program that would freeze the property taxes of all Agawam homeowners over the age of 65.

"This freeze would be at the level that the residents are paying when they turn 65. Qualifications for this type of program would be income based and open to people who have owned their homes for an agreed upon period of time. It would be designed to free many of our seniors from the worry of increased taxes while living on a fixed income.

"My parents, who, as I noted, are 87 and 78, have taken advantage of this program offered in Connecticut and it has been very beneficial to



MAYORAL CANDIDATE KARL STIEG IS PICTURED with his wife, Judy, and daughter, Elizabeth at a recent campaign meeting. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

them. When my father turned 65, the taxes on his primary residence were frozen at the rate he paid that year and even though he is now 87, he continues to pay the lower rate. My mother and father will continue to pay this rate as long as they continue to own the home. If and when they sell their home, the tax rate will adjust back to existing rates.

"A program of this type would require coordination between the members of our state delegation and our town council. I feel strongly, however, that if the Town of Agawam can find enough money to fund an irrigation system for the

Agawam Municipal Golf Course, then there should be a way to find funds to make the lives of our seniors a bit easier. By freezing their property taxes, we free them from the fear of having to face the choice of giving up their lifetime homes, which are their castles, or going without some other necessity.

"Because of the leadership of an idea-oriented mayor in Hartford, my parents never had to face such a terrible choice. As mayor of Agawam, I will work hard to make sure that Agawam seniors are spared the same choice," added Stieg.

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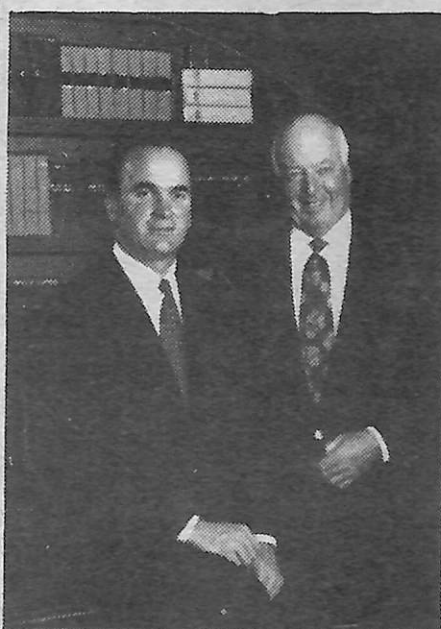
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Hollister Announces Candidacy For Seat On School Committee

Earle Hollister of 45 White Oaks Drive wishes to announce his bid to gain a seat on the Agawam School Committee. Mr. Hollister, his wife, Mary Ann, and his two children, Brooke and Bryan, have been Agawam residents since 1978 with both children being graduates of the Agawam school system.

"Holistic education" is the theme at the Hollister residence where the "entire student" is stressed; the balance of academics and athletics. This focus is exemplified by son, Bryan, a math scholarship winner at North Adams State College, a Dean's List student, and goalie on the school's hockey and lacrosse teams.

Brooke, a more recent graduate of AHS, where she had captained the girls' soccer and lacrosse teams, played basketball and tennis, was this year's recipient of the coveted Brian Piccolo Award. Brooke is currently a nursing student at A.I.C. while playing varsity soccer.

In order to keep pace, Mr. Hollister is currently finishing his certification in Middle and Secondary education while working on his M.Ed. in school administration at Westfield State. Mr. Hollister also holds a degree in Industrial Engineering and an MBA.

"I feel I offer the voters of Agawam the opportunity to put an individual on the committee that has teaching background (most recently a substitute at Southwick High School and Powder Mill School and a six-month tenure as a Special Education Aide at the Granville Village school, pre-practicum work at AHS), a strong budgeting background (formerly an operations manager for Digital Equipment where his budget responsibility was \$10-\$12 million), and a strong sense of commitment to the youth of our community; first director of the Riverside Classic, former director

Boys' and Girls' Pioneer Valley Soccer, former scoutmaster and merit badge counselor BSA, baseball coach Sacred Heath Athletic Association, hockey coach Baywest and Enfield leagues, treasurer AHS girls' lacrosse, president of several local golf leagues, Vice President of the Agawam UNICO and its charitable work, 11-year leading fundraiser for the Easter Seals Volleyball Marathon, former member of the Springfield Turnverein, where he played volleyball, and youth coach for indoor soccer.

"Some of the issues where I feel I can be of service to the students and parents of Agawam, the customer as I view it, is in the area of budgeting, administrative and business practice, the balance of education and sports, and a non-political 'get it done right' philosophy.

"I will go on record in saying that I have reservations as to whether or not the inclusion of the Mayor of Agawam as a voting member and chair of the School Committee supports the truly democratic decision making. I acknowledge that the Mayor does lend a certain parliamentary propriety to the proceeding; I believe that Al Cohen was the BEST guidance counselor that I had the occasion to deal with at AHS; I find it hard to believe the apparent lack of coordination between the principals of the School Committee and the labor union in the recent contract voting controversy, and I believe the people of Agawam need and are seeking a change in the school leadership."

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EARLE HOLLISTER

Bitzas Says His Tenure On Council Includes Cleaning Up Eyesores

"When I was elected six years ago, one of my goals was to clean up many eyesores on our town and beautify Agawam," said Town Councilor George Bitzas in a recent campaign statement.

"Since taking office, I have worked very closely with the Building Inspectors and with the Health Department to clean up illegal dumping and secure unsafe buildings. We have worked, with good results, to protect the health and safety of our residents and the values of our homes and businesses. We have succeeded in removing more than 140 rubber tires, auto batteries, over 200 tons of scrap metal, and over 300 junk cars from backyards at no cost to residents and our taxpayers.

"I continue to work very closely with the Beautification Committee and the DPW to beautify the front of the City Hall, put more barrels of flowers around town, and planting new areas.

"Together with the town of West Springfield, we raised \$5,500 in donations," Bitzas said. "We used this money to beautify our bridge with permanent concrete planters. With the help of the West Springfield Garden Club and our Beautifica-

tion Committee, we are able to fill the planters with flowers.

"I am very proud and grateful to all the businesses and organizations who have responded to the Beautification Committee's appeal to spruce up the town for the large number of visitors who came for the LPGA Golf Tournament last summer and The Big E this fall. I extend to all of them a heartfelt thanks and hope that more businesses will make a special effort to improve the appearance of their property.

"This year, we started the Memorial Tree planting program and many Bradford pear trees have been planted at the Agawam Library, the old Center Library, and other areas. This program will continue in the spring. Next year, we plan to make the entrances to our town more attractive, to appeal to our visitors, and make all of us feel proud of our community.

"If I am re-elected," Bitzas concluded, "I will continue to work hard to improve Agawam's appearance and preserve its small town character and keep our town a nice place to live. It will be good for all of us."

'Langone For Council' Committee Announces Oct. 18th Fundraiser

The committee to elect Joseph F. Langone has announced that it is holding a fundraiser on October 18th from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at The Oaks Inn, 1070 Suffield Street, Agawam. The contribution is \$15.

Committee Treasurer Ellis Langone stated, "Fundraising is a necessary part of conducting a political campaign. Joe is running a positive, issue-oriented campaign and needs the financial assistance of the voters to get his message out to the public."

Candidate Joseph F. Langone, who is an instructor at the Massachusetts Career Development Institute, added, "I cordially invite anyone who wishes to support my candidacy to this event. If someone is unable to attend for scheduling or financial reasons, he/she should not hesitate to contact me at 786-3419 with any questions about my campaign. I look forward to continue meeting the public."

Tickets for the event may be obtained in advance by contacting one of the following: Anthony C. Bonavita (786-2079), Ellis L. Langone (786-9474), or John J. Negrucci (789-2887). Tickets will also be available that evening at the door.

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Linda Galarneau Seeks Another Term On School Committee

Linda Galarneau of 24 Sycamore Terrace, Agawam, announces her candidacy for re-election to the Agawam School Committee.

"Education has always been seen as the key that opens the door to the American dream—entry to a good job and a fulfilling life. Because of this, I have always believed that all students, not just the college-bound students, should be exposed to a rigorous academic curriculum.

"I also believe that all students are capable of meeting success. But in order for this to happen, we must first give them a clear understanding about what a quality education is and how it will benefit them." Galarneau further feels that we must provide the students with an environment that supports mutual respect and understanding, challenge, diverse teaching methods, credible information, and quality work.

Galarneau presently serves as Secretary of the School Committee, is on the Policy Subcommittee, Chairperson of the Goals & Objectives Committee, is School Committee Representative of the Board of Trustees for the Instructional Materials Trust Fund, and School Committee Representative to the Lower Pioneer Valley Collaborative.

"As a School Committee member, I have always taken fiscal responsibility seriously." Galarneau also stated she will continue to be direct and open and that her decisions will be based on what's best for the entire school system.

"I respectfully ask for your vote of confidence once again." Residents with any questions or concerns can reach Galarneau at 789-0245.

Russo Says Education Remains High Priority For Town Council

"I have always been a strong supporter of quality education," said Louis Russo in a recent campaign statement. "I have been involved, and continue to be involved, in many school programs and know first-hand the necessity for such programs. I have participated in programs pertaining to both gifted children and the learning disabled.

"I have been a Future Problem Solving coach and participate in the Read Aloud program. I am a member of various scholarship committees and athletic booster organizations. I feel that our educational system must be placed high on any list of priorities.

"In a world where nearly every career field relies on technological advances, the need for a good, well-rounded education is becoming increasingly essential.

"In addition to the 'three Rs,' we must be sure to include the no less important extracurricular activities such as athletics and the arts. It is the combination of required subjects and extra activities that form the basis for understanding, maturity, and growth in our children. The future of our community lies in the promise of the students that are in our schools today. We must look at all our town's children and see not only who they are, but also who they can become.

"Having been involved in several fully funded school budgets, I know that past year's school budget problems should never have occurred and user fees should never have been considered. Because of unnecessary and unfounded budget cuts, programs were cut, late busses cancelled, and detentions eliminated. Much worse, the extremely important guidance position at the Middle School was cut. There was no reason at all for these unnecessary actions. Agawam has received millions in educational reimbursements, yet none of that money found its way back into the school budget. Remember, Agawam received over \$3,000,000.00 in educational reimbursements in 1995 alone. Instead of cutting programs, we can and should add to and improve the existing ones.

"Besides programs, additions to our existing schools are also necessary. The usage of excess funds, coupled with grants and capital improvement bonding, can be a sound method for the construction of additional classrooms. This could have been previously done over a period of time to painlessly increase our educational scope. We can still do it without substantial tax burdens.

"In conclusion, the importance of educational issues can not be overlooked. As a City Councilor, I can help protect our educational programs by making sure that cuts are made in waste and not in education. Graduating competent students from Agawam's schools is necessary in today's difficult job market. Graduating educationally well-rounded students is too precious a resource for Agawam to neglect," said Russo.

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Taylor Says Budget Provides More Funds For Education

Agawam City Councilor James D. Taylor said recently that he is pleased with the town's fiscal 1996 budget that provided extra funding to education. Last summer, the City Council approved an additional \$250,000 in school appropriations which included \$100,000 for the Educational Materials Trust Fund.

The fund is a perpetual account that was established when the City Council accepted local option provisions of a state law permitting the creation of such funds. Under the law, 90 percent of the annual earnings may be used for the purchase of books, supplies, and other materials that will benefit our school children.

"The important thing," said Taylor, "is that the money from the fund's earnings will be available each year, and is not dependent upon tax rates or further appropriations." The fund is overseen by a board comprised of teachers, parents, administrators, and citizens who decide how to use the money. Taylor said, "Government usually just taxes and spends, but the trust fund is a permanent investment that will benefit today's students as well as generations to come."

Taylor, a member of the City Council's School Budget Sub-Committee, said he worked through many hours of budget deliberations with the School Committee. "With cuts in local aid by the state," said Taylor, "the percentage of each school's budget designated for materials has dwindled." Taylor hopes that future town appropriations will be made to the trust fund so that if the school budget is frozen or over-spent, our children will not be without supplies.

Taylor also pointed out that private contributions may be made to the trust fund through the town treasurer's office. He also said that parents, teachers, and businesses wishing to support the trust fund may sign up for an Affinity long distance telephone program that will contribute 5 percent of each monthly bill to the Agawam Educational Materials Trust Fund. "My wife and I signed up," said Taylor. "We're glad to support education in our hometown."

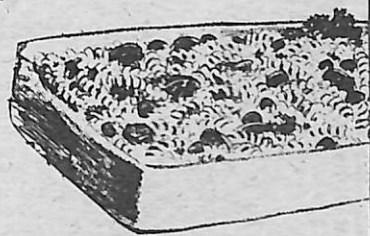
Taylor, a candidate for re-election to the City Council this November, earned his degree with high honors from Springfield Technical Community College and is a member of the Phi Theta Kappa honor society. He is pursuing a degree in public administration at the University of Massachusetts and is the owner of the real estate investment firm of Taylor Property Services.

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CHRIS QUATRONE

Quatrone Offers Spark For Agawam Council

"I am a candidate for the Ag. City Council. I would like to take this opportunity to tell you, the voters, a little bit about myself," said Chris Quatrone in a recent campaign statement.

"I am a lifelong resident of Agawam and a 1991 graduate of Agawam High School. I am a 1995 Magna Cum Laude graduate of Western New England College with a Bachelor's of Government and History. I am currently a Master's candidate at the Central Connecticut State University in New Britain, Connecticut, with a major of International and Area Studies with a specialization in the European Community.

"There are many issues which I wish to address during this campaign. I have been a long time supporter of open space in Agawam. Open space benefits everyone, and it enhances the quality of life in our community.

"The quality of education is a primary concern. Education is a vital tool and must be improved and enhanced. We must make sure that our schools receive the funding needed to educate our children so that they may be competitive upon graduation.

"I would like to help improve the quality of life for the elderly in Agawam," Quatrone continued. "Our elders are an important asset and their experience is invaluable. We should have our ears open and learn. I will work toward shifting the focus back to where it should be directed, where it is needed most. We need to respect and provide for the elderly. They have earned respect and deserve more of our time and thoughts.

"The bickering among the Councilors has to stop. Cooperation is the key. To accomplish anything, we need to cooperate more with one another. Grandstanding and arguing only confuse the issues more, and take up valuable time.

"What good is yelling and talking tough if nothing gets accomplished? I submit it does no good at all. Personal or otherwise, the muttering must end. A City Council should produce results, not endless battles.

"I care about Agawam. I would like to make a difference. I very much look forward to meeting my fellow residents and discussing the various issues. I look forward to the election and hope there will be actual change this time around.

"We definitely need a spark to encourage a better effort from our elected officials. Thank you for your time and consideration," Quatrone concluded.

Russo Calls For Serious Attempt For Charter Revision

"Since changing our form of government, there have been many, myself included, who have called for charter revision," said City Council candidate Louis Russo in a recent campaign statement.

"Charter revision is something that is long overdue and should be seriously considered. If elected to the council, I will make sure that a serious attempt is made to allow our citizens to review and, if they wish, make necessary changes to our present charter.

"The biggest reason I feel that we need charter revision is to correct the oversight that removed the checks and balances from our government. The charter was written for a manager form of government, but when we changed from a manager to a mayor, the charter was never revised to reflect that change. As a result, Agawam's government is no longer one of total democracy of, by, and for the people. Charter revision will rectify the oversight and the process of true democratic government will be given back to Agawam's residents.

"It is not so much that certain things should be removed from the charter, but rather, added," said Russo. "Some things that should be included would be a recall provision for all elected officials. Such a provision would protect our citizens if an elected official is guilty of improper actions or severe wrongdoing. This would help to insure that all elected officials do as good a job as possible representing all the people and not their own or special interest.

"Another addition to the charter would be for the council to approve all department heads. The mayor would still make recommendations, but the recommended person would have to come before the council and prove his or her qualifications. This would help eliminate any patronage and insure that any new department head is fully qualified and the best available applicant, including current employees and residents. By giving the council the right to confirm department heads, we will be insuring that the most qualified people are hired and that patronage is minimized and morale maximized.

"I pledge that I will sponsor and work hard to help put in place an elected charter review commission made up of townspeople. In turn, the townspeople will then have total control of charter revision and any changes in the charter will be of their own doing and not of the politicians," concluded Russo.

Mayoral Candidate Karl Stieg To Hold Two Coffee Hours

Agawam mayoral candidate Karl Stieg invites you to attend one of the following coffee hours listed below. He would like to meet you and talk about issues concerning all.

Please come and get your questions answered. Hosting the coffee hours are Debbie Sommer, 98 Princeton Avenue, October 14th, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.; and Judes Ziemba, Cross Generations, Inc., 83 Industrial Avenue (above Richie's Air Conditioning), October 17th, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Best local news...



TERESA KOZLOSKI

Teresa Kozloski Seeks Another School Term

School Committee member Teresa Kozloski has announced her candidacy for re-election:

"To answer your question, you the voters of Agawam, of why you should vote for me, let me tell you what I have done, what I stand for, and what I plan to do as a member of the Agawam School Committee.

"My prime concern has always been to have a school system in which all students will be challenged to reach their highest potential. To achieve this, we must have a well-organized administration both in the central office and in each school, a highly motivated teaching staff, a student body whose attitude is a desire to learn, and a support system of personnel and material to make effective teaching possible. My efforts in the past have been to make this all happen, and they will continue to be in the future.

"Each student comes to us with different capabilities and different goals. We in public education must try to meet these needs with the financial resources we have available. This is not an easy task. It requires prioritizing and especially long-range planning. Our schools must have the supplies, the textbooks, and especially up-to-date computers for teachers to teach and students to learn. The school environment must be positive, disciplined, and secure.

"Our school system has graduated many fine young people. The question is, are we providing the best we can for all students? They need not only the basic academic curriculum but also the vocational and technical courses. They need to be encouraged to get involved with school activities whether music, art, drama, sports, and clubs. They and their parents need help and guidance from the day they start school. Our school district should provide these services.

"If elected, I will continue to be an independent voice on the Committee. I will continue to do my homework, to question decisions, to persist in keeping essential programs, and particularly to scrutinize the budget and financial spending."

Mrs. Kozloski is currently associate professor at Bay Path College. She holds degrees from American International College, New York University, and the University of Massachusetts.

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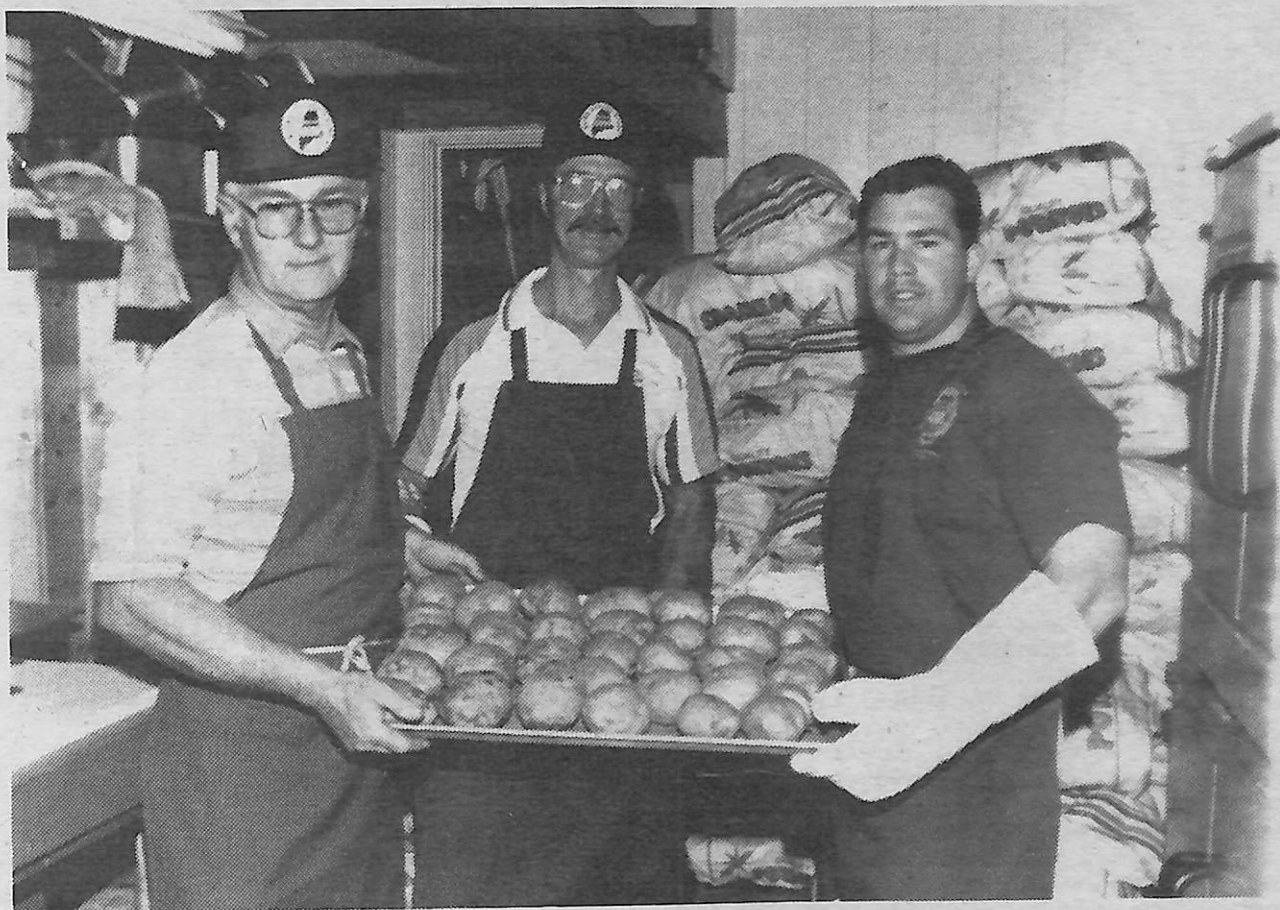
Agawam At The Big E!



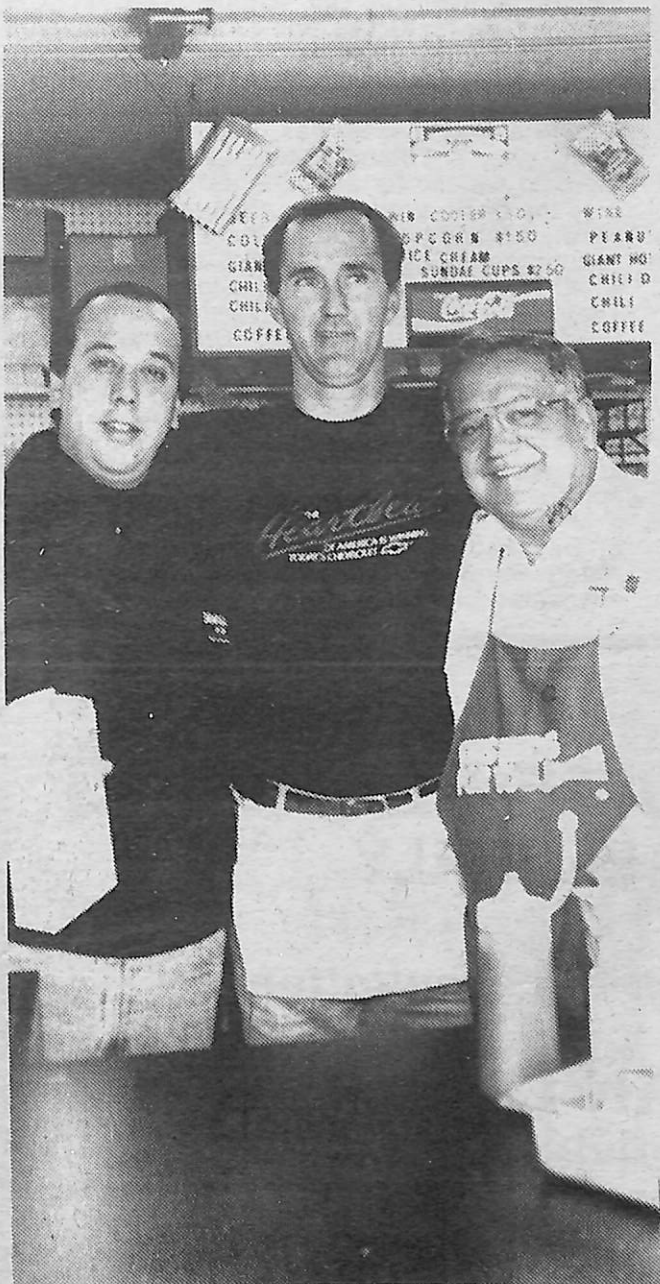
SELLING PET I.D. TAGS were Marlene Christy (left) and Laurie Bradshaw. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AMONG THE TOWN OFFICIALS who marched in The Big E Parade on "Agawam Day" (September 27th) were Town Councilors Edward Caba (far left) and Jill Simpson, School Committee members Roberta Doering and Louise David, Town Councilor James Taylor, School Committee member Susan Pettazzoni, and Superintendent of Schools Bernard Ryder. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



HELPING OUT WITH THE baked potatoes at the Maine Building were Marty Lehberger, Ken Howe, and Robert Altobelli. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



ON HAND ON "Agawam Day" (September 27th) at the The Big E were Mario Vanotti, Bob McNeish, and Bill Alouise. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM LIONESS CLUB (from left to right): Ann Jackobek, Fran Taupier, Ceil Taylor, Marilyn Curry, and Bernice Burton. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam At The Big E!



MEMBERS OF "ASGA" (Agawam Senior Games Athletes) strutted their stuff during the The Big E parade on "Agawam Day" (September 27th). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



FINI'S PLANT FARM was definitely "well-planted" with this display at the 1995 edition of The Big E. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AT THE BIG E'S Central Information Booth: Edward Foley, Sandy Lynch, and Rita Moore (Information Manager). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



SELLING BIG E SOUVENIRS were Ed Connor and John Cooley. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

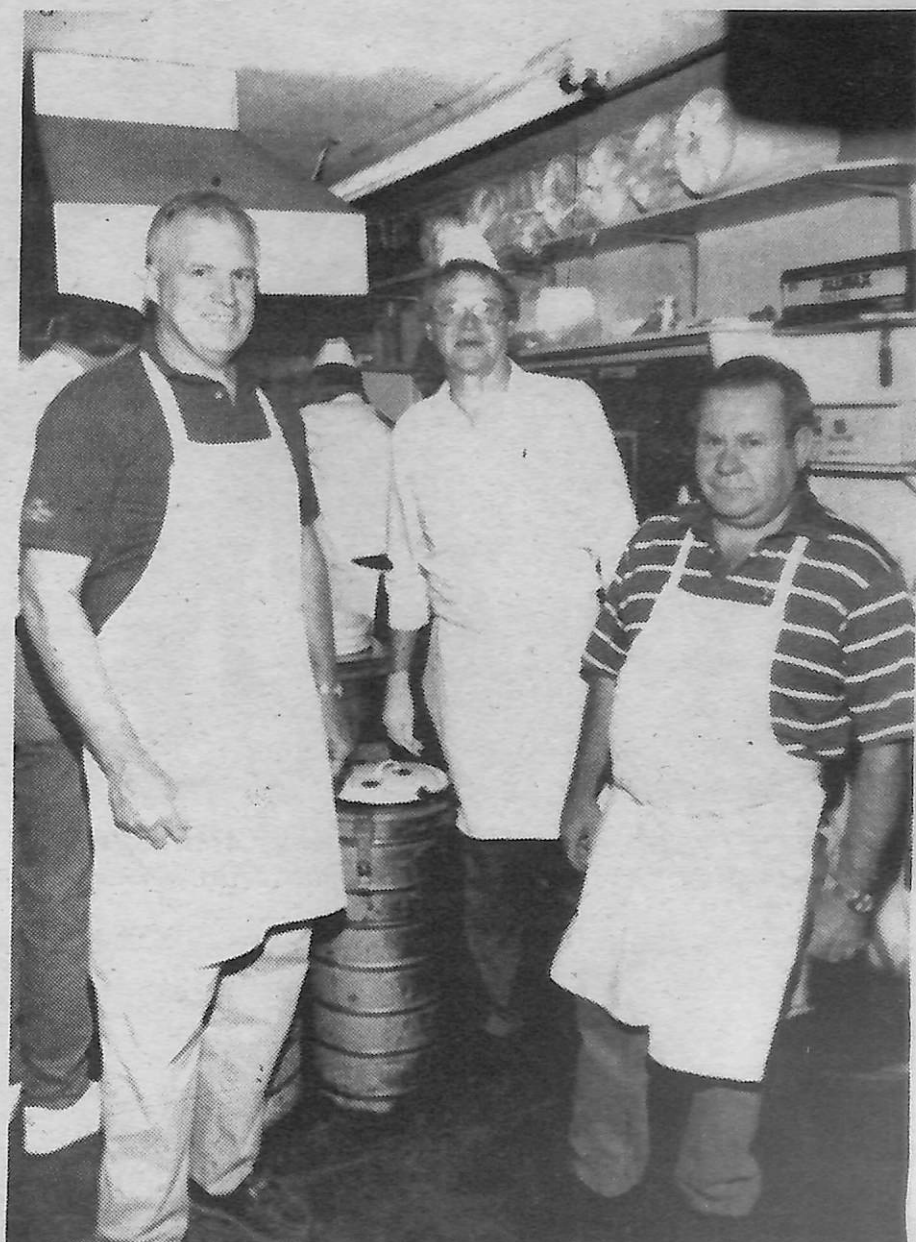


JULIA DEVINE displays artwork by Michael Israel. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam At The Big E!



READY TO SERVE those delicious Maine baked potatoes: Bernice Consolini, Beth Collins, Peg Altobelli, Carol Pignatare, Kathy Boccasile, and Cindy Weber. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



WORKING AT THE Feeding Hills Congregational Church kitchen were Allen Runshaw, Karl Piepho, and Charles Adams. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



FEEDING HUNGRY CUSTOMERS at the "Grinderama" were Penny Seip, Linda Shea, Bernie Stedman, and Brian "Kinger" King. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



SELLING "NATURE'S BOUNTY" at Fini's Plant Farm at The Big E were Lorraine Labun and Marilyn Fini. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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WAYNE MCCARY (center), Eastern States Exposition President, presents a \$1,000 check to the Agawam Youth Football League. Pictured with McCary are (from left to right) Reverend Curt Fuller, Jerry Burke, Beth Pedersen, Eric Pedersen, and Brian Pedersen. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



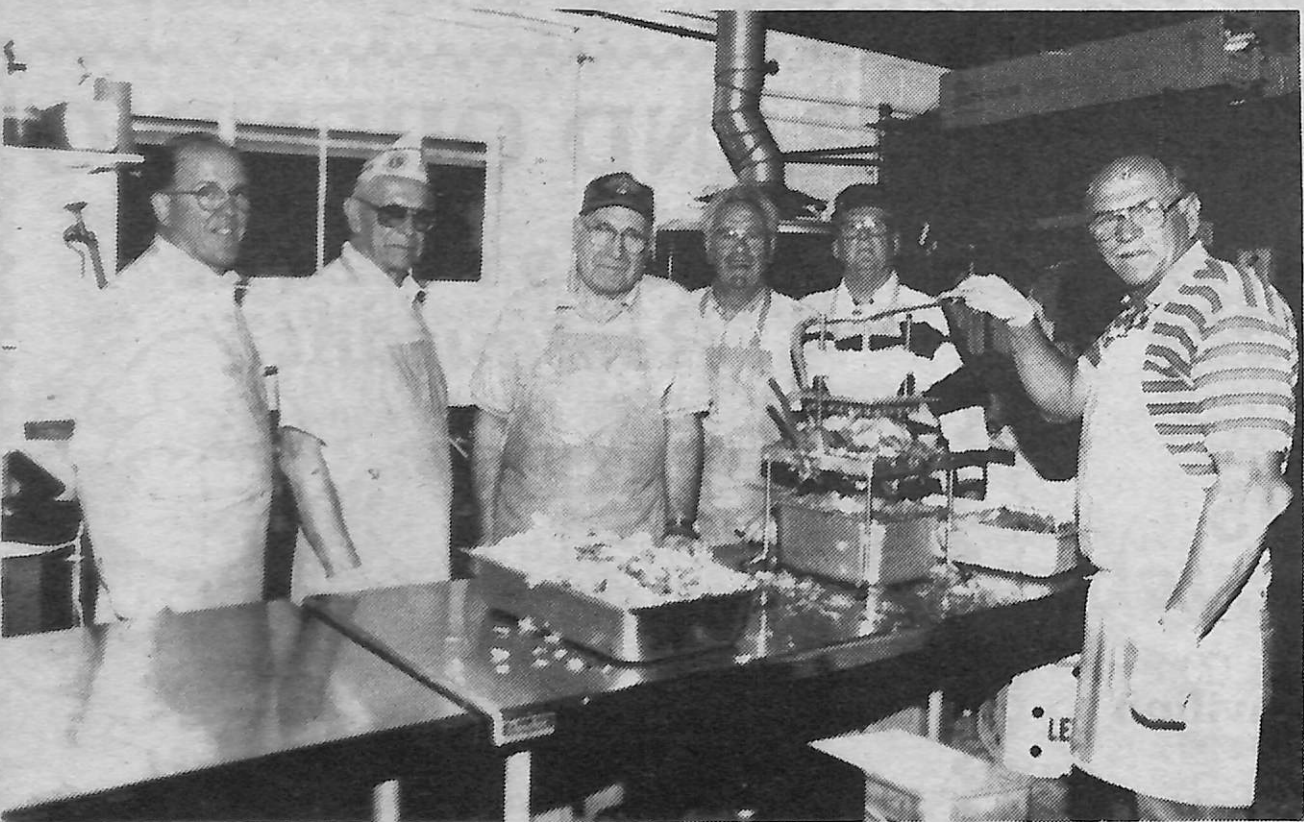
TOM CASCIO (left) receives a plaque designating him as Agawam's 1995 "Friend of The Big E." Presenting the award is Wayne McCary, Eastern States Exposition President. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



SERVING FOOD FOR THE Agawam Lions Club are club members Sal Morassi, George Taupier, and Raymond Favreau. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



COOKING FOR THE VALLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH: in photo above - Shirley Taylor and Chris Seriva; in photo below - Dale and Susie Pearsons. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



MORE LIONS CLUB "CHEFS" at The Big E: Anthony C. Bonavita (Club President), Jud Hastings, Paul E. Martin, Warren Roberts, George Schlagel, and Ed Stepanik. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.





Families

Historic Home In Neighboring Suffield Holding Open Houses

by Joan Lussier
Southwick/Suffield Advertiser News
News Editor

Our home is an extension of ourselves. When we decorate our haven from the rest of the world, we express what we like, and who we are, perhaps by displaying a favorite collection, or making the focal point in a room a treasured family heirloom.

Our home is where we find comfort because we are surrounded by familiar things, and it is a place that should invite all who enter its doors to a welcoming warmth and a share of our comfort.

If you have a flair for decorating, or just like to see the creativity of the professionals (and maybe get a few ideas of your own), then we have the perfect event for you.

A unique happening is underway in Suffield. A 14-room house, built in the late 1700's, owned by the Fuller family, and located at 309 Mapleton Avenue (corner of Rte. 75), has been transformed into a Designer ShowHouse.

Since Sunday, October 8th, and continuing through Sunday, October 22nd, the Decorator ShowHouse will be open to the public with many special events taking place, such as Mapleton Cafe, where lunches will be served daily, outdoors, under tents, prepared by gourmet caterers from **A Matter of Taste**. Afternoon tea will also be served.

Just What Is A Designer ShowHouse?

It is a home, usually in need of repairs and a facelift, where designers choose a room, hallway, or space, and transform it into a masterpiece. The designers submit a plan for their room, and once approved, begin the task of making repairs, painting, etc., adding their magical touches, while absorbing the costs themselves.

Why would a designer undertake such a project?

Besides the obvious, that being they love what they do, it is good exposure for them, and in the case of the Fuller House, all proceeds raised from this event will benefit the Cardiology Department of Johnson Memorial Hospital.

How did all of this get started?

In April, Karen Jarmoc, director of Development and Community Relations at Johnson Memorial Hospital, approached Suffield resident Lucile Loiseau and asked if she would be interested in this different fundraising project.

When Lucile agreed, the task of finding the right house began. After visiting different homes, in the area, the Fuller House, which was empty and for sale by Chestnut Oak Associates, seemed to be the perfect place.

In July, a Designers' Choice Day was held. Letters were sent to many designers inviting them to take a look at the house and see if they would be interested in choosing a room, hallway, or space.

In all, 16 designers, along with the help of many others, began their work.



THE HISTORIC 14-ROOM FULLER HOUSE in Suffield has been completely renovated and is open to the public through October 22nd.

In addition to the aforementioned Mapleton Cafe, some of the special events will also include:

A Main Street Boutique, home and gift items from **Earle's Interiors of Longmeadow**, will be for sale in the larger barn on the grounds of the Fuller estate.

Mums and More, a garden shop in the smaller of the barns, will host mums and fall flowers that will be available. This garden shop is courtesy of well-known floral designer, **Ruth Loiseau** (Lucile's daughter) of Suffield, of **Exquisite Designs by Loiseau**.

Local antique appraiser **Carol Falkowski** will be on hand for estimates on antiques from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on Monday, October 16th. The cost for this event is \$10 per item.

Ruth Loiseau will provide a seminar on floral design on Thursday, October 19th, from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. The cost for this event is \$15. Ruth, who travels to the White House to arrange flowers for special events and for Christmas, will provide a demonstration and answer questions.

An **Antique Car Show** will take place on Sunday, October 22nd, from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. The cost is \$10.

Charles Bissell III, of **Charles Fine Wine** in Glastonbury, will host a special wine tasting on Sunday, October 15th, from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. The cost for this event is \$15.

White House Pastry Chef **Roland Mesnier** will hold a seminar on Sunday, October 15th, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. The cost is \$20, and yes, he will have samples!

A **Schumacher Fabric Display** will be held on Friday, October 13th, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. It is free of charge.

Oil painting by **Fran Scully** will be held on Friday, October 20th, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. It is

free of charge.

Tickets for the Decorator ShowHouse are \$15, and it is important to remember that ALL monies raised from this event will benefit the Cardiology Department at Johnson Memorial Hospital.

A "Sneak Peek"...

We had a "sneak peek" at the inside of the Fuller House, where it seemed as though someone had turned the clock back to the late 1700's and our eyes could not absorb all there was to see!

We should mention here, also, that upon entering the rooms, each designer has a list of what items are for sale in that particular room. The items cannot be picked up until after the ShowHouse has ended.

It was interesting that the designers worked well together and maintained the period of the house. Even though each room and space was truly unique to itself, the rooms and spaces seemed to flow together, so it seemed that one person had decorated the entire home.

The entryway greeted us with a warm welcome; the parlor invited us to sit and chat for a while; the dining room was fit for the finest of royalty; the sitting room made us feel as though we could sit, curling up with a good book; and the living room made us think our family would be quite comfortable in front of the fireplace.

Upstairs, the master bedroom was inviting, connected to the master bathroom, where we decided we could soak in a hot tub for hours, which was connected to the "His and Hers" sitting room.

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HISTORIC HOUSE - from Page 22...

This room was actually two separated areas, one for the lady of the house where she could relax with her pot of tea, and the masculine area where you could envision the man of the house reading the newspaper and puffing on his pipe.

Other features include more bedrooms, a den, an aquarium installed in a hallway, dollhouses inside of what used to be closets, a nursery, two other bathrooms, and a back hallway so warm, we didn't want to leave it.

Back downstairs we found the rear entry, which was transformed into a Christmas wonderland, the kitchen that had been modernized but still kept the colonial theme, and our favorite—the pantry area.

The pantry cabinet doors were glass with unique items displayed. The counters had jars of jams, jellies, baskets of berries, bowls, and urns. Across the window and draped along the walls were leaf and berry garland that carried into the hall just outside the pantry.

There were so many little, homey touches, it almost seemed as if people really lived in the house, and describing any more would take away from the surprise when you visit.

Mrs. Loiseau told us, "We took an old, weathered home, that was empty, and turned it into a magical, spectacular ShowHouse."

ShowHouse committee members are: Lucile Loiseau (Chairwoman), Christine Ahrens, Marcia Alcorn, Joanne Goodrich, Heather Lee, and Jan Niremborg of Suffield; Claire Hunt and Roberta Ladd of Enfield; Diann Lerz, Mary Ann Olsen, and Priscilla Wells of Somers; and Pat Rossi of Stafford Springs.

Featured designers are: Artistic Surfaces of East Hampton, CT; Bakers Country Furniture, Stafford Springs; Bath Path College Interior Design Department; Blighton Interior Design, Suffield; Bottaro-Skolnick Interiors, Springfield; Classic Interiors, Agawam; Designer's Center, Somers; Jean Dewey Hand Decorations, Charlemont, MA; Earle's Interiors, Longmeadow; Exquisite Designs by Loiseau, Suffield; Needlepoint by Design, Suffield; Deborah Pileika Interiors, West Suffield; Residential Designs Unlimited, Ware, MA; S.B. Interiors, East Granby; and Superior Decor, Suffield.

Special thanks to: Total Protection Security Systems of Enfield; Pratt and Lambert for their donation of exterior paint; Rick Gemme Landscaping of Suffield for landscaping; Jerry Fiske and Amy St. Jean of Shawmut Bank/Trust Division; and Roland Dowd of Chestnut Oak Associates.

It is hoped that this fundraiser will generate more than \$50,000.

For more information on the purchase of the Fuller House, contact Roland Dowd at Chestnut Oak Associates, Suffield, at 860-668-0234.

Granville Quilt And Needlework Guild To Meet October 17th

The Granville Quilt and Needlework Guild will meet Tuesday, October 17th, at 7:00 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall of the Federated Church, Granville, MA. A social hour precedes the meeting.

Ms. Leanora Evans from East Hampton, Connecticut, will educate us in the choosing of proper batting for our various projects.

It is now time to pay our yearly dues, and these should be in by October 31st in order for your name to be included in the directory (which will be printed in the November newsletter).

Local Celebrities Help With Food Exchange



SHARE NEW ENGLAND held a celebrity sign-up night on October 3rd in order to help to get the word out about SHARE, a non-profit food exchange program. Participants agree to donate two hours of their time to volunteer in the community. In return, they are able to purchase a food package valued between \$30 and \$35 for only \$15. If you are interested in joining, call Jane Tuohey at 789-4674 for more info. Pictured from left - Mayor Christopher C. Johnson, Reverend Leonard Cowan, SHARE members Jane Tuohey and Beverly Bourdreau, and Town Councilor George Bitzas. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

West Springfield Recreation Department Sponsoring Trip To Factory Outlets

Just in time for the holidays! The West Springfield Recreation Department is sponsoring a trip to the factory outlet stores of Fall River, Mass., on Saturday, November 4th.

Fall River is known far and wide as the home of "super savings" and the home of the most famous factory outlet stores in the United States.

Vanity Fair and Fall River Outlet Center are just two of the places that will be visited.

Dinner at the fabulous Bocci Club, located in nearby Woonsocket, Rhode Island, is included in the trip.


The special per person price for this trip, which includes transportation and dinner, is \$40.

Departure from in front of the West Springfield Municipal Office Building is scheduled for 7:30 a.m. with arrival back in West Springfield scheduled for 9:30 p.m.


Reservations may be made either in person or by mail to the West Springfield Recreation Department, 26 Central Street, West Springfield, MA 01089.

Full payment must accompany all reservations.



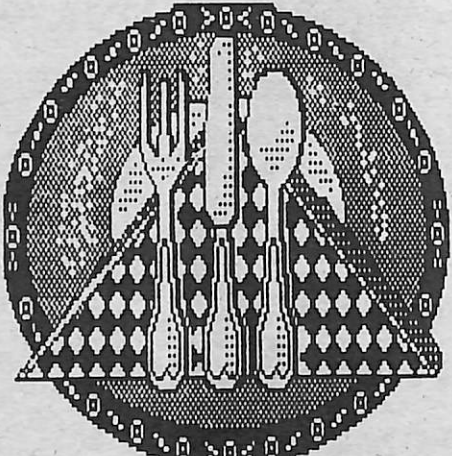


Agawam Lions Club



Harvest Pancake Breakfast

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Sunday, November 5th

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AGAWAM GOLDEN AGE CLUB Chapter II members who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversaries at the October 4th annual banquet included (PHOTO LEFT) Bill & Alice Bishop (left) and Tom & Eleanor Carney. IN PHOTO RIGHT, Ruth & Jim Birchall who celebrated their 50th anniversary. Their parents, Willis & Ruth Parady, were feted on the occasion of their 71st anniversary. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Ag. Golden Age Club II Celebrates 13th Anniversary At Banquet

The seniors in the Agawam Golden Age Club, Chapter 2, celebrated the 13th anniversary of the club with a banquet at Shaker Farms Country Club in Westfield on Wednesday, October 4th.

They gathered for a social hour at 11:00 a.m. and were served a delicious dinner at 12:00 noon. Prior to the dinner, President Louis Scherpa led the club in a salute to the flag. He then called on Chaplain Leaneore Dion to give a brief prayer from the podium.

President Scherpa followed the dinner by honoring three couples of Golden Age Club - 2 who were celebrating their golden wedding anniversary during the year 1995. He also gave a special tribute to one young couple who were celebrating 71 years of marriage.

The first couple called to the podium was, William and Alice Bishop for 50 years of marriage. Scherpa read a brief account of the Bishops' life

history, including their work careers, hobbies, and family members.

James and Ruth Birchall were called next to be honored with their personal history and their retirement from a family printing business.

The third couple to be honored was Thomas and Eleanor Carney, who first met each other at a party in Southwick, MA. Tom served as a Court Officer for Hampden County, and Eleanor became a secretary for Western Mass. Hospital in Westfield.

A standing ovation was given to Willis and Ruth Parady when Scherpa called them to be honored for 71 years of marriage. They are the parents of club member Ruth Birchall, who was celebrating 50 years of marriage with her husband James Birchall. The Paradys have two grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and two great-great-

grandchildren.

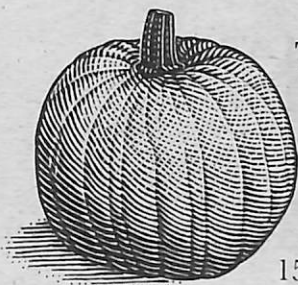
All four couples were presented with a miniature wedding cake, nicely decorated and homebaked by Club Chaplain Leaneore Dion.

Arrangements for the anniversary banquet were made by Edwin and Kathleen Arnold (tickets), Edward Grimes (table reservations), Leaneore Dion (anniversary cakes), Louis and Louise Scherpa (general chairpersons), and Virginia Lake (who was in charge of entertainment).

Virginia Lake introduced Patty Carpenter, an acclaimed vocalist, who accompanied herself at the piano. Carpenter favored the club with many familiar songs, requesting audience participation on some special favorites. The anniversary party ended with 157 happy seniors singing "God Bless America."



OFFICIATING AT THE 13th anniversary banquet of the Agawam Golden Age Club Chapter II were Lee Dion (chaplain) and Virginia Lake (program chairwoman). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



The frost, as they say, is on the pumpkin, and that means the end of another season at the stand. We'll be closing for the year at the end of the day this Sunday, 15 October, so this weekend is your last chance

to stock up on all our fall goodies like corn stalks, indian corn, gourds, Bobby's Famous Mums, pumpkins ranging in size from mini to double extra large, and over a dozen varieties of winter squash, from traditional acorn and butternut to new favorites like delicata and stripe-etti. We hope we see you this weekend, but if not; thanks for shopping with us, and see you in the Spring!

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Harvest Pancake Event Again Being Sponsored By Agawam Lions Club

The Agawam Lions will sponsor its Harvest Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, November 5th at the Agawam Lions Club, Eastern States Exposition Grounds, West Springfield, with servings from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Cost for adults is \$3.50 and \$2 for children.

Guest speaker will be Officer Donald Gallerani, with part of the proceeds to be donated to the D.A.R.E. Program (Drug Abuse Resistance Education). Community support is necessary for the Lions to continue their humanitarian projects.

Tickets can be purchased from any member of the Lions Club or at the door. They are looking forward to seeing you there.

The Lions have dedicated themselves to eliminate blindness and eye disease by establishing and funding the Massachusetts Lions Eye Research Fund, Inc.

Since its inception, more than \$5 million have been raised and donated to eye research. Your generosity and public support has helped the Lions establish Boston as the leading eye research center in the world!

The Agawam Lions Club is the first club in the State of Massachusetts to have contributed over \$250,000 to eye research.

Lions are men and women who volunteer their time to humanitarian causes in their local and world communities. By conducting service projects and raising funds, Lions strive to help those in need, wherever need exists. The Lions' motto is "We Serve."

In 1925, Helen Keller addressed the Lions at their annual International Convention, challenging them to become "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness." Since that time, service to the blind and visually impaired has become one of the association's most significant activities. That crusade has resulted in the establishment of "Sight First," a global sight prevention program.

In addition, Lions participate in service activities emphasizing diabetes awareness, education, and research; work with the physically and mentally impaired; environmental issues; community welfare; international understanding; and youth.

The association was founded in Chicago, Illinois in 1917. Although the youngest major service club organization, Lions Clubs International has grown to be the world's largest.

Its 1.4 million members belong to clubs in over 180 countries and geographical locations. Lions Clubs International is headquartered in Oak Brook, Illinois.

To the Lions, "We Serve" is not only a motto, but a definition and philosophy.

Membership in a Lions Club is by invitation. Clubs meet at least twice a month and elect officers annually. The association is governed by an international board of directors, elected by Lions from around the world at their annual International Convention.

Through membership, Lions not only help people in need, but have opportunities to develop personal friendships and gain valuable leadership skills.

Local Toastmasters To Hold Next Meeting At Country Estates

The next meeting of the Agawam/West Side Toastmasters will take place on Thursday, October 26th at 7:00 p.m. at the Country Estates of Agawam, 1200 Suffield Street, Agawam.

The public is invited to attend.

The Agawam/West Springfield-based group is a chapter of Toastmasters International, a non-profit, international organization headquartered in California. The organization is dedicated to the individual development of effective communication and public speaking skills.

The 8,000 Toastmasters Clubs around the world meet several times per month in a meeting format that is conducive to breaking the fear of speaking in front of a group and developing the self-confidence necessary to achieve career and life goals.

The Agawam/West Side Toastmasters meet on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month in the dining room at Country Estates of Agawam. The meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. and residents from all communities are welcome to attend.

There is never an obligation to join and guests are always welcome. Everyone is asked to please park in the rear of the building. Please contact Jim Frantz, President, at (413) 786-6920 or Joanne Attardi, VP Public Relations, at (413) 731-4064 for more information.



AGAWAM LIONS CLUB MEMBERS who are planning the upcoming Harvest Pancake Breakfast on November 5th are, from left - John Negrucci, James Loomis, Anthony C. Bonavita (president), Officer Donald Gallerani (Agawam Police DARE coordinator), and Joseph Guy (3rd vice-president). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1960 gathered for their 35th reunion at Olde Betty's Towne House on September 30th. **IN PHOTO LEFT**, pictured are classmates who traveled the furthest to attending the reunion - Ted DeCosmo, Florida; Barbara Wright Nicholson, Texas; Jeff Hopkins, Florida; Joyce Drzyzga-Harris, Florida; Richard Giordano, Minnesota; Carol Scannel Patty, South Carolina; Paul Desaulniers, Minnesota; and Diane Larose Munn, Georgia. **PHOTO BELOW** - members of the Reunion Committee - Carl Montagna, Lenny Charest, Charlie Gibson, Phyllis Lewis, and Dan Tomasetti. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Polish Club's Women's Auxiliary Schedules Holiday Craft Fair

On Saturday, October 14, 1995, the Women's Auxiliary of the Polish-American Club of Agawam will be sponsoring its annual Holiday Craft Fair. The event will be held at the pavilion on the club grounds, 139 Southwick Street, Feeding Hills, MA, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

As in previous years, the ladies will be busy serving traditional Polish foods as well as the all-American hot dog and soft drinks.

Crafters from Agawam and the surrounding towns will have many beautiful as well as practical items for sale. Among them you will find holiday decorations, candles, floral arrangements, dolls, intricate paintings, decorated sweatshirts, and doll clothes.

Also, there will be knitted sweaters, cozy baby quilts, dried flowers, bears, country kitchen items, wood crafts, along with stained glass and tile painting creations, sports plaques, and much more.

With the holidays just around the corner, it's not too early to start that Christmas shopping!

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Holiday Country Fair Being Planned At Country Estates

The activity department of Country Estates Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center of 1200 Suffield Street, Agawam has announced its plans for its first annual Holiday Country Fair.

The dates for this "not-to-be-missed" event are Friday, December 1, 1995, and Saturday, December 2, 1995, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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Tuesday, October 17th: Birthdays and anniversaries: meatballs & ziti, extra sauce, broccoli & cauliflower, garlic bread, cake.

Wednesday, October 18th: Turkey pot-pie (turkey, potatoes, carrots, celery), tossed salad, whole wheat bread, lemon pudding with whipped topping.

Thursday, October 19th: Baked chicken breast, sweet potatoes, mixed vegetables, pumpernickel bread, applesauce with raisins.

Friday, October 20th: Clam chowder, baked fish, rice Florentine, rye bread, canned apricots.

(Menu subject to change without notice.)

Agawam Lioness Club Is Currently Planning For Sweatshirt Sale

The Agawam Lioness Club Ways and Means Committee is planning a sweatshirt sale for October 18th from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Captain Leonard House.

Sweatshirts, tee-shirts, active wear, and much more will be available for purchase.

The hard-working committee members are comprised of Rose Keiffer, Terry Angotti, Kathy Turnbull, Janet Gallerani, Pat Lalancette, and Elaine Taupier.

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William H. Gray, III To Address Springfield Public Forum Series

Former U.S. Congressman William H. Gray, III, who has been President and Chief Executive Officer of the United Negro College Fund since 1991, will appear on the Springfield Public Forum Series on Thursday, October 18th, at 7:30 p.m., in Symphony Hall in downtown Springfield.

The event, open to all without an admission charge, is co-sponsored by the Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company. Thomas B. Wheeler, President and CEO, will preside as chairman of the talk entitled "Strengthening our Educational System."

In his leadership role at UNCF, William Gray has developed a Research Institute to compile and analyze data on a host of issues affecting African-American students from kindergarten through graduate school. As fundraiser he has led the College Fund to new records while cutting costs and expanding programs and services. Approximately one-third of the nearly \$1 billion raised in the Fund's 50-year history has been collected during Mr. Gray's tenure.

Prior to joining the UNCF, William Gray served in the U.S. Congress and was a staunch supporter of education. As Chairman of the Democratic Caucus and later as Majority Whip, he was the highest ranking African-American ever to serve in Congress.

Mr. Gray was a leading advocate for historically black colleges and universities through his support of set-aside programs at the U.S. Agency for International Development. He was also a co-sponsor of the Black College Act, which provides federal funds for the enhancement of their programs, faculty, and facilities.

Also, as the first African-American to chair the House Budget Committee, he was a leading advocate for strengthening America's educational systems.

Mr. Gray left his mark on Congress in many other areas. He played a key role in implementing economic sanctions against South Africa as author of two sanctions bills. As Budget Committee Chairman for four years, Gray earned a reputation as a consensus builder, playing a key role in budget negotiations between Congress and the Reagan Administration.

The heir to a legacy of education leaders, his father served as president of two black colleges, Florida A&M University and Florida Memorial College. His mother was a dean at Southern University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and his grandfather was a professor, as is his sister currently.



WILLIAM H. GRAY, III

Gray himself has been a faculty member and professor of history and religion at St. Peter's College, Jersey City State College, Montclair State College, Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary and Temple University.

Hailing from a family of ministers as well as educators, Mr. Gray has been pastor of the 5,000-member Bright Hope Baptist Church in Philadelphia for more than 20 years, as were his father and grandfather. He attended Franklin and Marshall College, where he earned a B.S. in 1963.

He received a master's degree in divinity in 1966 from Drew Theological Seminary and a master's in theology in 1970 from Princeton Theological Seminary. He has been awarded over 50 honorary degrees from America's leading colleges and universities.

Mr. Gray served as special advisor on Haiti to President Bill Clinton in 1994, assisting in the development and execution of policy to restore democracy.

Born in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, William Gray lives in Vienna, Virginia, with his wife, Andrea. They have three sons.

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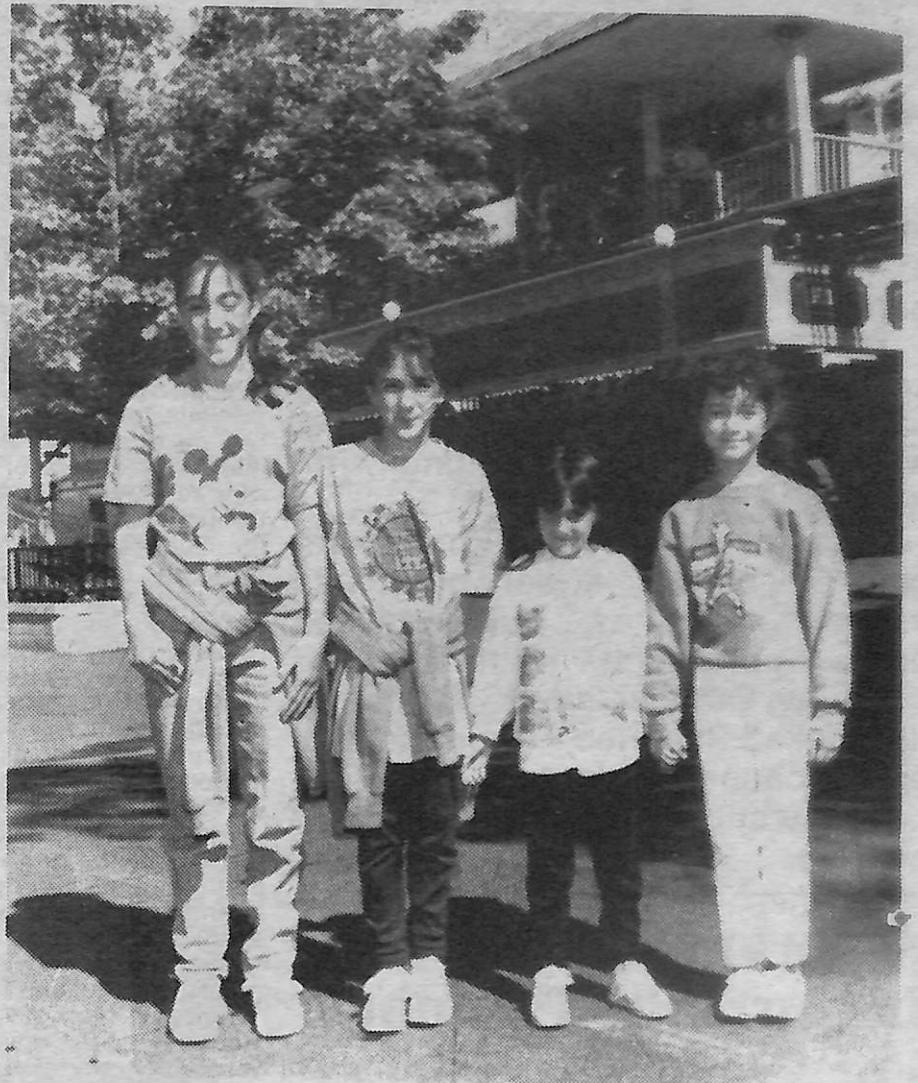
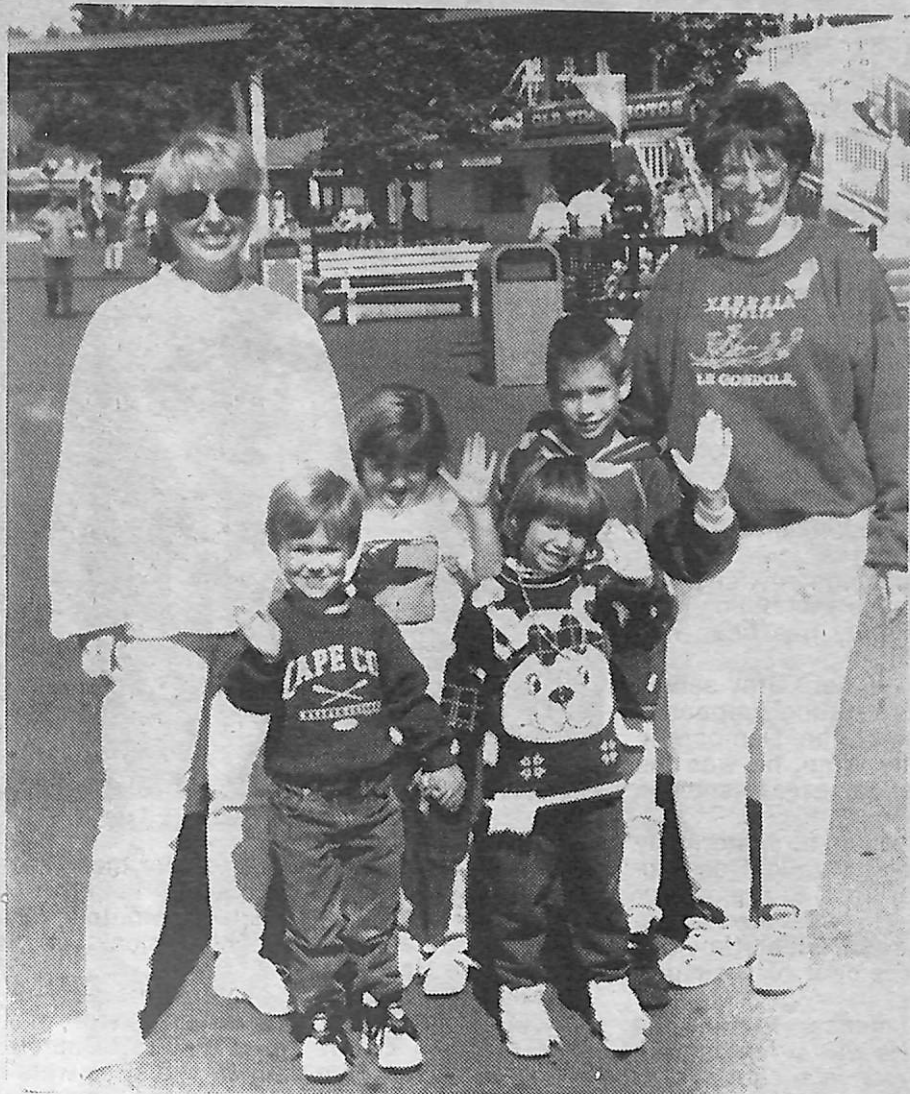
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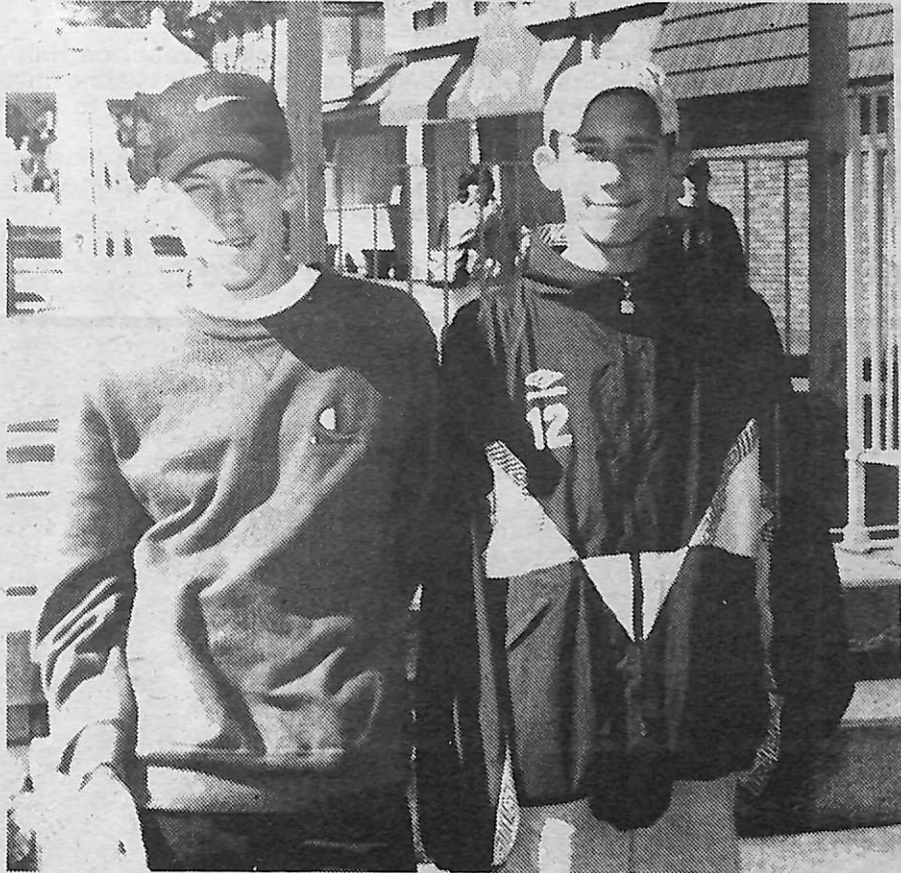
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Riverside Park Welcomes Agawam Community



GETTING READY TO HAVE A BLAST at the Annual Agawam Day at Riverside Park on September 30th were, from left - Denise Moffatt, Heather Moffatt, Matt Styckiewicz, Joanne Styckiewicz, Andy Moffatt, Alyssa Styckiewicz, Nicole Conte, Andrea Conte, Karla Conte, and Danilla Zarlingo. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



TWO OF THE MANY AGAWAM RESIDENTS who attended the Annual Agawam Day at Riverside Park were Andy Radwanski and Nick Penna. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Robinsons Celebrate 50th Anniversary In California

Spencer and Roberta Robinson celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in La Jolla, California on September 22nd.

The former Roberta Loomis was born in Springfield, but moved to Agawam with her family at age six. She graduated from Agawam High School in 1939. She was a W.A.V.E. during World War II and later worked as a secretary and as a geology researcher.

Spencer was born in Anaheim, California. He served in the Navy as a Signalman I/C and is a Pearl Harbor survivor. He graduated from Heald's College in San Francisco and worked as a Mechanical Engineer.

The couple was married in 1945 at the Submarine Base at New London, Connecticut, and made their first home in Agawam.

Since their retirement in 1980, Spencer and Roberta have been traveling the country for 14 years as full-time RV-ers. At the present time, they are at the home of their daughter, Vicki Pendleton, in El Cajon, California.

Their son, Roy, lives in Silverdale, Washington. In addition, they have three grandchildren, Jill Pendleton, and Steven and Jennifer Robinson.

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Agawam VFW Ladies Involved In Honoring State Ladies President

Local resident Laura Harrington (of Vadnais Street), the State Patriotic Instructor, recently led the more than 200 members of the VFW's and Auxiliaries in the Department of Massachusetts in the Pledge to the Flag during a ceremony to honor Helen Lenehan, the National VFW Ladies' Auxiliary President.

At this dignified ceremony, guests were present from all 18 districts and were led by State President Diane Dello Iacono and Frances Rahilly (Past State President and Chairman for the National President's visit).

Senior Vice-President Barbara Ratelle represented District 7, as well as members from District 7 (Auxiliary 70). From Southwick 872 came Julie Morin, Past District President. From 5361 in Wilbraham was Dottie Gates. Sandra McCarthy, the State Safety Chairman, came from Chicopee Auxiliary 625.

As was stated at the beginning of this article, Laura Harrington, Patriotic Instructor for Massachusetts, was also in attendance. Representing Russell Auxiliary 6645 was Past President Blanche Willey. And last, but certainly not least, was Rita Shea, President of Auxiliary 6714 in West Springfield and the State VFW National Home Chairman.

The National President's Project is for the homeless veterans. They were to tour the Boston facilities on Monday, October 2nd, while many members of VFW and Auxiliary District 7 recently donated and served about 400 for a 6:00 p.m. dinner at Westover Field, with 200 homeless veterans taking advantage of the many services offered.

Entertainment was from Vermont, Connecticut, and the "West Side Tappers."

Scout Troop 78 To Sponsor Dance For Halloween On Friday, Oct. 13th

Troop 78 will sponsor a "Halloween Dance" with Good Vibrations on Friday, October 13th (yes, Friday the 13th!) at the Springfield Turnverein, 176 Garden Street, Feeding Hills.

The dance will feature DJ Henry Tessier, and will run from 7:00 p.m. 'til midnight. Donation is \$5 with costume, \$7 without costume.

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The Agawam Senior Games Athletes' Pancake Breakfast will be held Sunday, October 29th at the Agawam Senior Center from 8:00 a.m. to noon.

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Ag. Jr. Women's Club To Meet October 17th

The October meeting of the Agawam Junior Women's Club will be Tuesday, October 17, 1995 at 7:30 p.m. It will be held at the Captain Leonard House on Main St. in Agawam.

We will be decorating pumpkins for ourselves and to give to the Children's Study Home as well as conducting a business meeting. Come and join us!

The Junior Women's Club will be also collecting non-perishable food items Saturday and Sunday, October 14th and 15th at the Soccer Jam-boree in recognition of World Food Day. Remember to stop by the food tent and drop off your donation.

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Laurie Washburn Weds Kevin Morgan Of R.I.

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The Reverend Robert Donaldson of the Feeding Hills Congregational Church performed the ceremony.

Tammy Washburn, sister of the bride, served as maid-of-honor. Todd Morgan, brother of the groom, was best man.

Lisa LaRochelle, cousin of the bride, Mary Perlak, and Karen Giannetti attended as bridesmaids. Vic Morgan, Jr. and Scott Morgan, brothers of the groom, and Shawn Donahue, cousin of the groom, served as ushers of the groom.

A reception was held following the ceremony at the Colosseum Restaurant in West Springfield. The couple honeymooned at Sands in Jamaica.

The bride attended Agawam High School and graduated from Baystate Medical Center School of Nursing in 1991. She is presently attending the University of Rhode Island and is employed by Shore Line Visiting Nurse Association of North Stonington, Connecticut.

The groom graduated from Westerly High School in 1988. He is employed as a carpenter at Vic Morgan and Sons of Westerly, Rhode Island.

The couple currently resides in Westerly, Rhode Island.

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Authentic New England tales of the 18th and 19th centuries will be featured at this spine-tingling, family event. Popular storyteller Robert King of Northampton will spin tantalizing tales of yesteryear conjuring up visions of witches, ghosts, pirates, and other frightful fiends. Suspense will fill the air during spooky storytell-

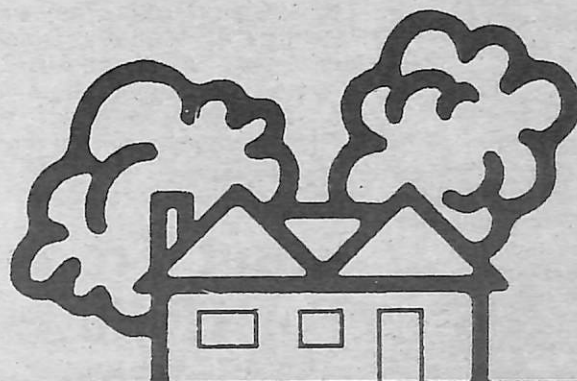
ing sessions told by candlelight in the historic Red Barn.

Visitors are invited to dress warmly and enjoy the spirits from Early American tales. An old fashioned peddler's cart will be on hand, offering Halloween candy and decorations including candle holders, ghosts, witches, and more.

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D) How to Create & Sustain a Small Business

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10:30 - 11:30 a.m. E) Collection Procedures

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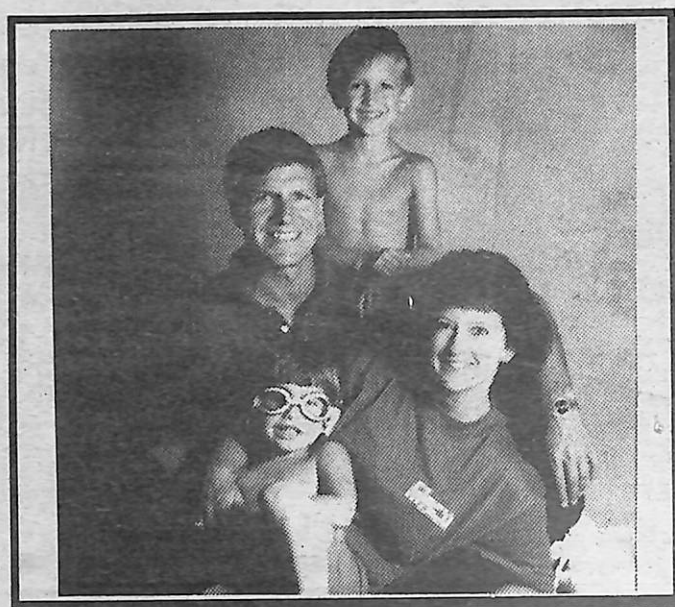
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Church News

Agawam Congregational Church To Hold Teacher Recognition Day; Bible Presentation

Sunday, October 15th, is the 19th Sunday after Pentecost. This is Teacher Recognition Day and Presentation of Bibles to the Third Grade Church School Class. Worship Service continues at 10:30 a.m.

Rev. Curt Fuller's Sermon will be "The Savior's Gift For You!" from Text:2 Timothy 1:6-10. The Children's Message is "The Power Of Love."

A special guest this week will be Rev. Toby Gloch of Liberia. He is a graduate student at Hartford Seminary in Hartford, CT.

Teachers and helpers being recognized are: Cindy Lemire, Judy Lefebvre, Lisa Busio, Jeanne Lewis, Helene Gates, Jessica Hansen, Holly Trombley, Kirsten Decoteau, Dolores Martin, Laura Paul, David Bertagnoli, Neil Ellsworth, Dan Rust, Carolyn Gomes, Jessica Forni, Heather Cassidy, Gay McDyer, Steve Tapply, Suanne Hansen, Curt Fuller, Cindy Arnold, Andy Pedersen, Church School Superintendent Lindylee Davis, and Assistant Superintendent Debbie Most.

Church School continues, with adult and seventh through 12th grade meeting at 9:15 a.m., and Crib Room through sixth grade meeting at 10:30 a.m. during the Worship Service.

The Jr. Choir meets following the Worship Service. All children ages three to 16 are welcome to attend the choir practice. Mr. Bryan Kirby, church organist and choir director, will be leading the children's choir.

Playgroup for infants to pre-school continues every Wednesday and Thursday, from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

For more information about the Playgroup, call Sue Tapply at 786-1430 or the church office at 786-7111.

The Midweek Service is held each Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. This service is a half-hour, informal

Worship Service with hymns, prayers, and communion.

The final session for the New Member Class (for any persons wishing to join the church) will be held on Wednesday, October 25th, at 7:35 p.m.

The sessions will inform people of the church's ministries, committees, boards, activity groups, and general information about the United Church of Christ.

For more information, call the church office at 786-7111.

HEAR YE! HEAR YE! A Country Style Chicken Supper will be held on Thursday, October 19th, with continuous sittings from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.

The menu will include chicken with biscuits, mashed potatoes, squash, cole slaw, cranberry sauce, beverage (coffee, tea, or milk), and homemade apple pie for dessert. Adults are \$7.50, seniors will receive a \$1 off, and children under 12 years of age are \$4 each.

For reservations, call Carolyn Mosher, 786-6954, or the church office, 786-7111. Reservations close Tuesday, October 17th; please call if you have to cancel your reservation.

A delightful evening of music, "Fall Fantasy of Music" (presented by area musicians), is planned for Saturday, October 21st, at 8:00 p.m.

There will be refreshments served after the presentation with door prizes and a raffle. Tickets are \$5.50; purchase tickets early as setting is limited.

Open House for Church School will be Sunday, October 22nd, at 11:30 a.m. following the Worship Service.

All parents and friends of students are welcome to visit their children's class and meet with the teachers.

Spaghetti Supper At Methodist Church On Saturday, Oct. 21st

The Agawam Methodist Church will hold a spaghetti and meatball supper on October 21st, at 5:30 p.m.

The menu will consist of spaghetti and meatballs, salad, rolls and coffee, and strawberry shortcake for dessert.

The price for seniors will be \$5, and \$6 for others.

For reservations, call Dana Henry at 789-0684 or the Church office at 786-4174.

All the local news with us, each week
ADVERTISER NEWS

Dominican Nuns To Hold Family Hour Of Prayer On Oct. 15th

The monthly Hour of Prayer and Song for the families of the world will be held at the Dominican Nuns' Monastery Chapel on Sunday, October 15th, at 4:00 p.m. The public is cordially invited to attend.

The service will include the singing of Evening Prayer and the recitation of the rosary, sermon, and Benediction.

Catholic Women Plan Fall Macaroni Supper For October 19th

The Catholic Women's Club of Agawam will hold its Fall Macaroni & Meatball Supper on Thursday, October 19th in the Parish Center of St. John the Evangelist Church, 833 Main St., Agawam.

Sittings are 4:00 p.m. through 7:00 p.m. Jennie Christopher, super chef, is in charge of the kitchen. Barbara Gingras is in charge of tickets.

Tickets are \$4.50 for adults, \$2.50 for children under 12 and may be purchased in advance from any members of the committee or purchased at the rectory. They will also be available at the door the night of the supper.

Meatballs and sauce may be purchased, but must be ordered in advance by calling Barbara Gingras at 786-7037.

Fall Fantasy Of Music At Ag. Congregational

A cabaret "FALL FANTASY OF MUSIC" will be held at the Agawam Congregational Church on Saturday, October 21st at 8:00 p.m.

This evening of music will be presented by area musicians and will include music of yesterday, classical pieces, and present day show tunes - something for everyone! A raffle, door prizes, and refreshments will be included.

Tickets are available at \$5.50 by calling the church office at 786-7111. Reserve early, as seating is limited.

Grace Lutheran Plans German Pork Supper

Grace Lutheran Church will hold a GERMAN ROAST PORK/SAUERKRAUT Supper in the Fellowship Hall, 1552 Westfield St., West Springfield, on Saturday, October 21st with sittings at 5:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$8.50 for adults and \$4 for children ages five to 12.

For reservations, call Joyce at 562-6895 or Dot at 562-6212.

Laity Sunday At Methodist Church On October 15th

Sunday, October 15th is Laity Sunday at Agawam United Methodist Church. Lay participation in leading worship will be significant. Worshipers will hear something of the church's involvement in Missions, both locally and internationally, through the interests and efforts of lay people.

The youth will also participate through the reading of scripture and other worship activities. Youth Special Entertainment with refreshment will be held on Sunday, October 29th at 6:00 p.m. Young people from 12 years-old and up are invited.

Worship will be at 9:30 a.m. Sunday School children, after hearing the children's message, will attend the children's classes of the Sunday School.

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Classes are held on Tuesday and Friday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, Main Street, Agawam. For more information, call 786-7791.

Church News - continued...

Timeless Truth
For Today...

by Roger Martin, Pastor
Agawam Church
Of The Bible
(786-7908)

What Happens When One
Challenges Gravity

What happens when you mix a Jet Ski with Niagara Falls and the law of gravity? Trouble! You knew that even before you heard the story of the bold Jet Ski rider who, just last week, plunged over the falls to his death.

In a sense, he challenged the law of gravity ... and lost. That "law" meant that he hit the water with the force of hitting concrete. It is true that the rider had a parachute, but it didn't work. The law of gravity, however, did work, as it always does. That is the nature of physical laws at work in our universe; they are inflexible and unchanging, always constant, whether we believe in them or not.

In the same way, there are spiritual laws at work in our universe. They, too, apply to us, whether we believe in them or not. It matters not if we think ourselves to be religious or believers in God; these laws still apply.

We noted one such law last week, the law of sin. When a person sins (anything that falls short of the character and commands of God), it separates him/her from God, what the Bible calls spiritual death. Sin leads to death, eternal separation from God, always. It is a spiritual law.

Now, if that were the only spiritual law at work, you and I would be in big trouble. However, the Bible describes another law, the law of grace. This is how God describes the working of the law of grace:

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 6:23

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God, not by works, so that no one can boast." Ephesians 2:8-9(NIV)

The law of grace means that someone who has never sinned can die in our place, remove our sins, and give us the gift of eternal life with God. And that is exactly what Jesus Christ did for you and me. It doesn't alter the law of sin; death is still the result of sin. The law of grace simply means that the perfect Son of God can take that death for me, or you.

The law of grace counters the law of sin. An airplane that takes off up in the air doesn't destroy the law of gravity; it counters that law with the laws of aerodynamics. That is what Jesus has done for us. He has given us a gift that counters the law of sin that condemned us. All that is left for you and I is to trust what Jesus has done and give him our lives. What are you waiting for?

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Events Planned At First Baptist Church

This Saturday, October 14th, Junior Highers and their leaders will be attending a Ropes course at Camp Ashmere. Also on that day, our Over 60 Bell Choir will be giving yet another performance in the area.

This Sunday morning at the 9:30 worship service, Rev. Richard Barnes will speak on "All In The Family," again using the book of Ephesians as his text. Responsive reading will be led by Joshua Thomson.

Classes for all ages will be held until 11:30 a.m. Plan to have coffee and conversation in Davis Hall before your attend one of our adult classes: "Nuts & Bolts Christianity" led by the Pastor, or "When God Whispers In Your Ear" led by Everett Hodge.

Also on our calendar this week:

Sunday, October 15th: 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., Junior High meets.

Monday, October 16th: 7:30 p.m., Social Action Committee.

Tuesday, October 17th: 1:15 p.m., EZ Does It Aerobics Class; 6:30 p.m., Mr. & Mrs. Club (Covered Dish Supper and Program).

Wednesday, October 18th: 7:15 a.m., Mid-Week Prayer Time; 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Trading Post Open.

Thursday, October 19th: 1:15 p.m., EZ Does It Aerobics Class; 7:00 p.m., Nuts & Bolts Christianity Class; 7:30 p.m., Choir Rehearsal.

As listed above, the Mr. & Mrs. Club will open their season on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. This Club has been meeting for over 50 years, providing good food and fellowship for any and all interested adults.

If you would like to come and have not been called, contact President Jean Goss at 786-3323.

Preparations are underway for the celebration of Loyalty Sunday on October 22nd. A luncheon will follow morning worship, after which a presentation will be made by the Stewardship Committee outlining our needs for 1996.

Mark your calendar to attend this important event.

Operation Friendship Slates Roast Beef Dinner For Oct. 14th

A roast beef dinner hosted by Operation Friendship of America will be held on Saturday, October 14th, at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, 21 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, with continuous servings from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

The cost for adults is \$7; \$3.75 for children under 12 years of age; and free for children under five years of age.

For reservations, call Kathy Rose at 786-0195 or Chris Mangano at 789-3128. If you reach an answering machine, please leave your name and number of reservations.

Walk-ins are welcome.

News & Notes From F.H. Congregational

"Advice for Christian Living" will be the title of Rev. Donaldson's sermon this Sunday. Please join us for worship at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills.

Sunday School begins at 9:00 a.m., as does the Adult Bible Literacy Class. There will be a Service of Baptism during morning worship, which begins at 10:00 a.m.

Children are encouraged to attend with their parents. Nursery care is provided.

Cartoons are no good for you! Therefore, why not skip them on Saturday morning and support the Youth Group?

Pancakes, eggs, and all the necessary extras will be served buffet style on October 14th from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Wile E. Coyote could give up chasing that Roadrunner if he stopped in here for breakfast instead!

This season's first meeting of the Ladies Benevolent Society will be held on Monday, October 16th, at 1:00 p.m. All ladies from the church are welcome to attend.

Thelma Horenstein will be the Chairman. Hostesses will be Marama Brueninger, Naida King, and Thelma Horenstein.

Don't forget to sign up to participate in this year's CROP Walk if you've not done so already. We walk because some people have to walk to get everything, including water and food.

We need many walkers to help raise funds to fight hunger both locally and around the world. A portion of the funds raised will go to the West Springfield/Agawam Open Pantry.

Please call the church office at 786-5061 for more information or speak to Rob Donaldson or Bob Broga in church on Sunday.

The Youth Group will meet from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. on October 14th, 21st, and 28th, and from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. on October 15th and 22nd to continue work on the Halloween Party.

The party is scheduled for Sunday, October 29th, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

On the calendar this week:

October 14th: 7:00 to 11:00 a.m., Youth Group serves at Pancake Breakfast; 1:00 to 5:00 p.m., Youth Group meeting; 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., Operation Friendship Roast Beef Supper.

October 15th: 9:00 a.m., Adult/Youth Sunday School; 10:00 a.m., Service of Baptism/Worship; 11:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Operation Friendship Cut-a-thon and Bake Sale; 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., Youth Group meeting.

October 16th: 1:00 p.m., LBS meeting; 7:00 p.m., Big E Committee meeting.

October 17th: 12:00 noon, Clergy Luncheon; 7:00 p.m., A.A. meeting.

October 18th: 6:30 p.m., Music Committee meeting; 7:00 p.m., Choir; 8:00 p.m., A.A. meeting.

October 20th: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Melinda Coffey in kitchen; 6:30 p.m., Wedding rehearsal.

October 21st: AM Clean up; 1:00 p.m., Wedding; 1:00 to 5:00 p.m., Youth Group.

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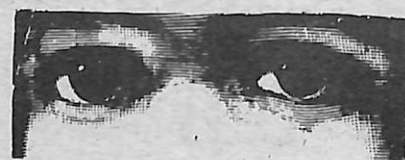
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BLIMPIE FRANCHISE OWNER Jim Mosher of Agawam (back, middle) and members of his staff - Judy Miller, Kim Faust, Suzanne Schutt, April Mosher, Kristina Kuperchy, Kristine Seymour, and Kelly Jones. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Blimpie Subs & Salads Opens In FH

by Peggy Shoemaker
Advertiser News Feature Writer

Did the Good Year Blimp ever remind you of the shape of a grinder, a submarine sandwich, or a hoagie? Well, the Conza brothers thought so and it inspired them in 1965 to name their first grinder restaurant **BLIMPIE**.

On September 18th, a **Blimpie** opened in the Community Shops in Feeding Hills. Mayor Christopher C. Johnson and State Representative Daniel F. Keenan were on hand to cut the ribbon marking the opening, along with the owner, Jim Mosher.

The shop is located between **Torinese Pastry Shop** and **Kinney's 1-Hour Photo**.

For what might be expected to be a limited menu, **Blimpie** offers a surprising variety. There are homemade soups and potato, pasta, tuna, seafood, antipasta, chicken, and fruit salads, as well as an exciting list of grinders.

BLIMPIE'S BEST heads the grinder menu, and

is the best seller. It comes with ham, salami, capicola, prosciuttini, and cheese on a home-baked white or wheat roll. It can be dressed with condiments, according to taste.

Grinders come in various sizes (up to 12 inches long). One can also get a double portion of meat on a cold sub (for the heartier appetites) for slightly more, but not twice the price. Each day there are specials and special combinations that may include a soda and potato chips.

Other grinders are roast beef, tuna, a club of ham, turkey, and Swiss cheese, turkey, ham and swiss, salami and cheese, a cheese trio consisting of American, Swiss, and provolone cheese, and seafood.

The delicious aroma filling the shop is the smell of baking. Rolls, cookies, brownies, muffins, and

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Home Buying

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Historically, real estate has been a relatively stable investment. Housing prices usually stayed at the same level or appreciated faster than the rate of inflation. During the Great Depression, for example, housing prices dropped only 39 percent while the stock market fell nearly 90 percent. Housing prices actually rose an average of 10 percent during recessions in the 1970's and 1980's.

Recent reports indicate that homeowners in most areas of the country can still expect their housing appreciation to exceed the rate of inflation. The annual rate of national home appreciation since 1990 has averaged about 4 percent compared to 3 percent for inflation.

First-time buyers benefit most from today's low interest rates, more affordable prices, and appreciation. This combination often results in a more easily obtainable starter home that will eventually yield a profit and allow the buyer to trade up to a larger, more expensive home.

Second-home buyers also stand to gain from today's more affordable prices and appreciation. A vacation home can be a solid investment, and many vacation homes are expected to enjoy rising appreciation rates in the next few years.

Appreciation isn't the only advantage to buying a home. The Federal government provides a tax shelter to homeowners by allowing them to deduct all of the mortgage interest on their primary and second homes from their taxable income (this deduction may have limitations in the future based on legislation for a "flat tax").

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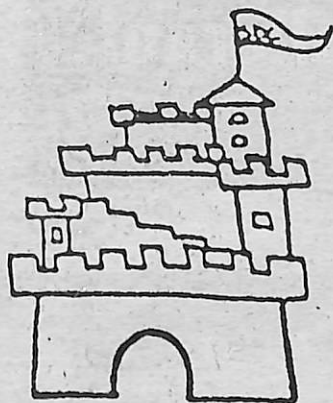
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buns are baked on the premises. Mosher would like people to come and try the huge cinnamon buns (with glaze) and he feels these buns are superior to any sold in the area. There are also English muffins, bagels, doughnuts, and strudel.

Breakfast Also Available

One week after the shop opened, breakfast was added to the menu. **BLIMPIE BLUFFIN** is a breakfast special. It has egg, ham, and cheese on an English muffin. There are different assortments of eggs, sausage, ham, bacon on rolls, muffins or bagels, as well as strudel.

"Very clean and bright" is the impression given by **BLIMPIE**. There is a lot of sparkling white tile and smart black and white wallpaper with cartoons relating to food.

All **BLIMPIE**'s are decorated and furnished exactly alike, Mosher said. There are 14 tables in white with red trim, the small number suggesting the large amount of "take out" food. But Mosher said all of the tables are often filled.

The restaurant employs nine persons and two or three of them are in the shop all of its open hours. It is open Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.; Fridays, 7:30 to midnight; Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. to midnight; and Sundays, 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

"Many third shift persons drop in on their way home in the morning," Mosher said, "to eat here or take it home. And our hours also catch persons after evening events in town."

BLIMPIE'S LITES is a menu for persons of smaller appetites and includes 3-inch grinders, soup and/or salads, in any combination. And, of course, there are mini or kids's meals. This is a 3-inch grinder, soda, chips, and a surprise treat.

Catering Available

Catering is another facet of the business, the hallmark of which is a three-foot grinder for \$34.99, which serves 20 persons or a six-foot grinder for \$64.99, which serves 40 persons. These grinders, when all put together, are also eight to nine inches wide and five to six inches high.

A recent business gathering requested a three-foot grinder, one-foot turkey, one-foot club, and one-foot roast beef, and the management aimed to please. The grinders can be augmented with choices of salads, baked goods, or the condiments that **BLIMPIE** is famous for.

The national boys' and girls' clubs benefit from every soda sold at a **BLIMPIE**. As a sponsor of boys' and girls' clubs, a portion of every soda price is collected and forwarded by **BLIMPIE** National to the boys' and girls' clubs. There is a colorful mobile hanging in the store with the slogan, "Buy a drink, build a link."

Mosher is a resident of Meadowbrook Road, Agawam. He is a graduate of Cathedral High School and earned his bachelor's degree in teaching at North Adams State College.

After four years of teaching social studies in West Springfield, he changed careers and became a safety engineer and trained for Hamilton Standard. He was one of two persons teacher certified at Dupont Corporate Headquarters in Delaware for Hamilton Standard, where he worked from 1978 to 1993.

His third complete career change launched him into the food business. "I always like to be my own person," he said, "and the success and growth of my wife's business encouraged me to try my hand."

April Mosher is co-owner of Steven's Travel Agency on Baldwin Street, West Springfield. "After extensive research, I chose **BLIMPIE** because I believe it is one of the fastest growing chains in New England."

The Mosher's have two sons; Steven, a freshman at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, and David, a junior at Agawam High School. Both will be working at **BLIMPIE** as school allows.



CUTTING THE RIBBON for the opening of the new **BLIMPIE** Subs & Salads in the Community Shops are, from left - April Mosher, State Rep. Daniel F. Keenan, franchise owner Jim Mosher, Mayor Christopher C. Johnson, and Agawam Fleet Bank Manager Minnie Saleh. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



ALL SMILES FOR THE OPENING OF BLIMPIE in the Community Shops in Feeding Hills Center are, from left - Blimpie District Rep. Kevin O'Brien, David Martin, April Mosher, franchise owner Jim Mosher, Alice Bliss, and Fred Bliss. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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equal the price is purchased within two years. Some owners take advantage of a one-time-only capital gain exemption if certain qualifications are met (see you tax advisor for details).

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(John Schuler is broker/owner of CENTURY 21 Newschu Real Estate, Inc., located in Feeding Hills, MA [413] 789-1117.)

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Chiropractic: A Personal Note

Today I would like to discuss chiropractic on a personal level. When my son, Jack, was four months old, he had an ear infection in both ears. My husband brought him to the pediatrician who stated that if a child has an ear infection before six months, they tend to have many ear infections.

My husband asked what we could do to prevent this from happening. The pediatrician shrugged and stated that he didn't know, but suggested that since Jack's mother is a chiropractor, maybe he should be adjusted. So, I did.

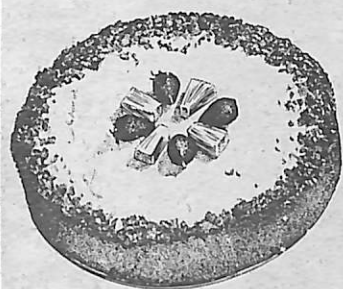
Jack is now over three years old, has never had another ear infection, and has never been on antibiotics. His childcare teacher commented last year that while she is always wiping other children's noses, Jack never has a runny nose. I credit Jack's good health to keeping his immune system as strong as possible by keeping his nervous system functioning at 100 percent. This is done by keeping the spine moving freely.

Toddlers are constantly jumping, rolling, and falling. Occasionally when I "adjust" Jack, everything is functioning fine. But there are times when his spine is really "locked up"—not functioning well at all. That's when I'll "adjust" his spine in order to restore proper motion and health. Jack is by no means an isolated case; many chiropractor's children are very healthy individuals with a strong immune system.

If you would like to know more about chiropractic care for children, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Dr. Nelson maintains an office at Hampden County Chiropractic, 850 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills. She is available to answer questions on Monday and Wednesday from 1:00-2:00 p.m. at 786-4820.

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Mental Illness Awareness Week Noted Here



MAYOR CHRISTOPHER C. JOHNSON proclaimed the week of October 1st to 7th as "Mental Illness Awareness Week" in Agawam to enhance public awareness of mental illness and to promote greater understanding for those who suffer from the disabling symptoms of mental illness. Pictured with the Mayor are residents Wesley Bradford and Lu Parchick, both members of the board of directors of the Agawam Counseling Center. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

CPR Course To Be Held At Noble Hosp.

Noble Hospital in Westfield will offer a two-part public education program on cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) on two Wednesdays, October 18th and 25th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Noble Hospital Education Department (located on the ground floor of the hospital).

Participants must attend both classes to receive certification. The program is \$30.

For further information or to register, call 572-5172.

Stroke Support Group At Mercy Hospital

The Stroke Support Group, sponsored by the Weldon Center for Rehabilitation at Mercy Hospital, will meet October 23rd, 7:00 p.m., in the Deliso Conference Center.

The group, which meets the fourth Monday of the month, provides information and fellowship for persons who have had a stroke, their families, and friends.

For more information, call Mollie Braverman, Weldon Center for Rehabilitation, (413) 748-6800.

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Food for Thought

by Nancy Dell
Registered Dietician

Kambucha Tea— Miracle Or Myth?

Mushrooms are a healthy food. But some consider the Kambucha mushroom to be magical!

In just one year, an estimated six million Americans have turned to Kambucha for its alleged healing powers. Here's a list of just some of the conditions which the mushroom may help: asthma, allergies, multiple sclerosis, gout, hemorrhoids, blood pressure, bronchitis, headaches, colitis, hair growth, weight loss, and sexual potency.

In reality, the Kambucha mushroom is not a mushroom at all. It's a mix of bacteria and yeasts that ferment in a sweetened black tea. You put the tea in a glass container. Then you take the "mushroom" culture and float it on the top. Let it set for seven to 10 days. Then you drink it. So, you don't eat the mushroom—you drink the tea.

But does it work? According to FDA, scientific evidence is lacking. However, people in China and Russia have drank the tea for centuries. If you decide to try this exotic brew, keep it safe.

1. Check with your doctor if you have any existing medical conditions.

2. By a commercial kit from a store rather than a friend's kitchen to avoid contamination.

3. Never use ceramic or lead crystal for storing or fermenting the tea. Those containers could put lead into the tea.

4. Have your liver enzymes tested periodically. And begin slowly to see how your body responds. Don't exceed 12 ounces a day. If some is good, more is not always better.

Nancy Dell, MS, is the Media Representative for the Western Mass. Dietetic Association and a Registered Dietitian with a private practice in Feeding Hills. She can be reached at (413) 786-2957.

Cancer Support Group At Noble Hospital

Noble Hospital's Cancer Support Group will meet Thursday, October 19th at 7:00 p.m. in the hospital's Auditorium A - located on the ground floor of the hospital.

The monthly support group is open to individuals with cancer, and their families or support persons. Nancy Ferguson, M.Ed., is the group facilitator.

Registration is not required. For further information, please contact Ana Nunez, R.N., oncology at Noble Hospital, 568-2811, ext. 5698.

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Radon, Secondhand Smoke A Few Of The Uninvited Guests Sneaking Into Your Home

Radon, secondhand smoke, and carbon monoxide are just a few of the uninvited guests that can sneak into your home and endanger your respiratory health.

This fall, during National Radon Action Week (Oct. 15th-21st), the American Lung Association of Western Massachusetts urges Western Massachusetts residents to test their homes for radon and eliminate other harmful indoor air pollutants while they're at it. Indoor air pollution contributes to lung disease, the third leading cause of death in America.

"On average, Americans spend more than 90 percent of their time indoors," says Judy Deane, Program Associate of the American Lung Association of Western Massachusetts. "They are often unaware that indoor air pollution levels can be even higher than the level of pollution found outdoors. The first step in eliminating these unwanted intruders is identifying them," says Judy Deane.

Testing for radon using a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approved kit or a hired professional can determine whether you are being exposed to harmful levels of this colorless, odorless, radioactive gas. The main source of radon pollution in buildings is soil with uranium-containing components such as granite, shale, phosphate, and pitchblende, which are present in most areas.

Radon enters a home through cracks in walls, basement floors, foundations, and other openings and is breathed into the lungs. It has been identified as a leading cause of lung cancer, second only to cigarette smoking. Repairs to decrease radon levels should be made by an EPA or state certified contractor.

During National Radon Action Week, the American Lung Association of Western Massachusetts is offering radon kits at a discount rate of \$7 instead of \$10. They also offer information on how to protect against radon exposure.

Spinal Cord Injury Support Group To Meet October 25th

The Spinal Cord Injury Support Group, sponsored by the Weldon Center for Rehabilitation at Mercy Hospital in Springfield, will meet on October 25th at 7:00 p.m. in the Deliso Conference Center.

The free meetings are conducted on the last Wednesday of the month, and are open to spinal cord injury survivors, their families, and friends.

For more information, call the Weldon Center for Rehabilitation, (413) 748-6800.

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Carbon monoxide is also a colorless, odorless gas that is a by-product of combustion. Home appliances such as gas or oil furnaces or water heaters, kerosene heaters, gas clothes dryers, gas ovens or ranges can be potential sources. Carbon monoxide gas can also accumulate in an attached garage when a car engine is left on.

According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, at least 250 people die unintentionally from carbon monoxide exposure each year and many others will be poisoned seriously enough to require medical attention. Regular inspection and maintenance of all potential sources is the best protection from the harmful effects of carbon monoxide. The American Lung Association of Western Massachusetts recommends installing carbon monoxide detectors that meet Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. standards; have an audible alarm; are A/C powered; and can be easily self-tested and reset to ensure proper functioning.

Although secondhand smoke is visible, people are often unaware of the health hazards inherent in breathing other people's smoke. Secondhand smoke contains over 4,000 chemicals, 200 of which are poisonous and 43 which cause cancer. The EPA estimates that secondhand smoke causes approximately 3,000 lung cancer deaths in nonsmokers each year. The best way to limit exposure to this harmful pollutant is to prohibit smoking completely in your home.

"If you find harmful levels of indoor air pollutants in your home, don't panic," says Judy Deane. "Often, there are simple, relatively inexpensive solutions which can make breathing easier for everyone."

For more information on indoor air pollution, National Radon Week, or lung disease, the third leading cause of death in America, contact the American Lung Association of Western Massachusetts, 393 Maple St., Springfield, MA, 413-737-3506 or 800-LUNG-USA.

Breastfeeding Support At La Leche League's October 16th Meeting

"Are there foods I should avoid if I breastfeed my baby?" This and many other questions will be answered with the latest medical research and personal experience at the Agawam-West Springfield La Leche League monthly meeting on October 16th, at 7:30 p.m., at Grace Lutheran Church in West Springfield.

The discussion will include suggestions about nutrition for nursing mothers and their families, as well as information about weaning the breastfed baby.

For further information, call Chris at 736-3238.

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There is some evidence that children who exercise have a more positive outlook on life and they are "able to accomplish more in all areas of their lives after training than they could before" (Bernard Cahill, M.D., American Orthopedic Society for Sports Medicine, 1988). Cahill goes on to state that regular exercise leads to improved self-esteem and self-image in children.

Regular exercise has been shown to help increase creativity and optimism, and exercisers perform better on tests of reasoning, memory, reaction time, and vocabulary than non-exercisers.

Now this is not to say that if you get your child to exercise all your concerns and disciplinary problems will disappear. It does stand to reason that if your child exercises they will be in a better position to handle all of the pressures that growing up forces on them.

Former President Gerald Ford stated, "Of all the lessons we must learn, few are more important than those we learn from exercise and sport. They teach us to perfect and protect our health; to respect our own capabilities and those of others; and to accept excellence as our standard of performance." Exercise plays an important part in all of our lives—let's not forget our children.

(Note: The Institute For Human Performance at Fitness First will present Part 1 of the very popular "Family Series" on Thursday, October 19th, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Elementary school counselor Darlene Woolson will speak on "Managing Misbehavior." Spaces are limited and will fill up fast, so call for reservations, 786-1406.)

Program On Snoring To Take Place At Noble Hospital

Noble Hospital in Westfield will offer a community presentation entitled *Snoring: Evaluation and Treatment*. Dr. Joseph Keenan (an ear, nose, and throat physician), Thomas Tremblay (a Registered Respiratory Therapist and director of Cardiopulmonary Services), and Douglas DesLauriers (also a Registered Respiratory Therapist) will present the program on Friday, October 20th, at 6:30 p.m. in Noble's Auditorium A.

The program will cover diagnostic techniques used to pinpoint the possible causes of snoring. Areas for discussion include sleep apnea, sleep disturbances, and respiratory therapy treatments for oxygen depletion.

Dr. Keenan will also discuss illnesses related to sleep disorders and the treatment of snoring with the LAUP (which reduces snoring).

The program is free and open to the public. To register for the program, call Noble's HealthBEAT at 568-BEAT (2328).

School Counselor To Speak About Kids At Fitness First

Fitness First's "Family Series" lectures kick off this fall on Thursday, October 19th, with Phelps Elementary School Child Adjustment Counselor Darlene Woolson.

Ms. Woolson, who has authored a book entitled "Home Grown - Parenting Tools for Healthy Growth and Development of Elementary School Children," will speak from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Fitness First in Feeding Hills.

She will be answering parents' questions, such as "How do I effectively correct my child's behavior?" and "Am I doing the right thing when my child acts inappropriately?" Ms. Woolson will also be offering great tips on how to encourage acceptable behavior in children.

There is \$3 fee per person. Child care is provided for a nominal fee of \$1 in the club nursery.

Please call Fitness First at 786-1460 to reserve your seat. Seating is limited.

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Area Citizens Ready For "Heart Walk" At Riverside Park

Join hundreds of Hampden County citizens in walking all over cardiovascular disease and stroke during the Healthy Choice American Heart Walk, slated for Saturday, October 21st at 9:30 a.m. at Riverside Park in Agawam.

The American Heart Association's "Healthy Choice American Heart Walk" is a national event sponsored by ConAgra, Inc., manufacturer of Healthy Choice food products. Sustaining sponsor is NordicTrack Fitness At Home Stores. The event is held in communities from coast to coast during the month of October. And it's co-sponsored in Greater Springfield by Riverside Park, Kaiser Permanente, TiGear, and WPKX.

The non-competitive event is expected to draw participants of all ages. The walkers will raise money for cardiovascular research by asking friends and co-workers for donations for walking the course. All participants in this year's Heart Walk are invited to stay and enjoy the amenities of Riverside Park complimentary for taking part in this great event.

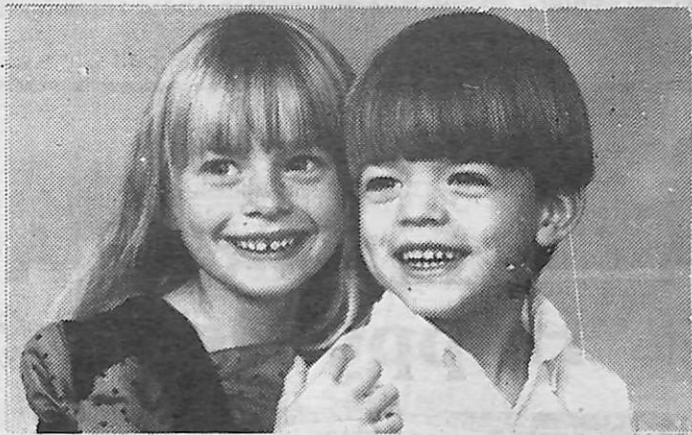
Don't be surprised if you see a "sea of red caps" at this year's event. The American Heart Association is honoring all walk participants who have survived heart disease or stroke with a red cap.

"We're excited about this event," said Frank Lovelock, Vice President of Drake Beam Morin, Inc. and Chairman of the 1995 Healthy Choice American Heart Walk. "Heart disease is America's No. 1 killer and stroke is the leading cause of disability. We'll have lots of information at the Healthy Choice American Heart Walk on how to help prevent heart disease and stroke, including getting the regular exercise that helps strengthen your heart muscle."

For information on how to participate or sponsor a walker, call the Western Regional office of the American Heart Association at 413-827-0400.

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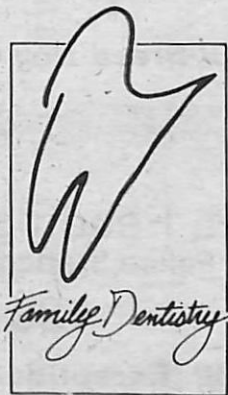
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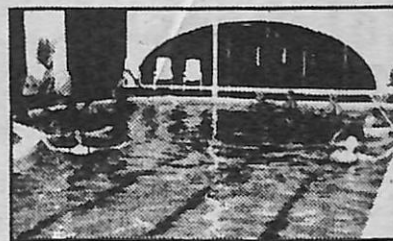


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ATTENDING THE RECENT DENTAL BOOT CAMP included, from left - Deborah Scalise, Dr. "Mac" Lee, DDS, Jane Bellinier, Phyllis Denison, Walter Hailey, Jolene Jackson, and Dr. Buddy L. Denison.

Infant/Child CPR At Providence Hosp.

The Center for Women's Health at Providence Hospital in Holyoke will offer an Infant/Child Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) program on October 21st from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the hospital auditorium.

The program, which includes foreign body obstruction (choking) intervention, is recommended for parents, parents-to-be, grandparents, and babysitters. Individuals participating in the class will meet American Heart Association CPR certification requirements.

The fee is \$25 per couple or \$15 per person. Registration is required.

For more information, call (413) 539-2950.

Better Breathers Group To Meet October 25th

Better Breathers, a monthly pulmonary support group, will conduct its monthly meeting October 25th, 1:00-3:00 p.m., in the Deliso Conference Center at Mercy Hospital.

The group, sponsored by the Weldon Center for Rehabilitation at Mercy in conjunction with the American Lung Association, invites people with lung disease and their families to attend the afternoon of sharing and learning about living with lung disease. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, call Linda Chastain, (413) 748-9610.

Local Dentist Attends "Dental Boot Kamp"

It's no secret that most people just don't like going to the dentist.

Dr. Buddy L. Denison, who practices dentistry at 46 Suffield Street, Agawam, recently attended a Planned Marketing Dental Boot Kamp in Connecticut to find out why this theory seems to be public opinion in many cases.

After three full days of classroom sessions (along with some fun), Dr. Denison and staff have returned to our community with a lot of enthusiasm and a new outlook on how their practice should be perceived.

Dental Boot Kamp was founded by Walter Hailey, who created the N.E.E.R. Marketing System; Dr. McHenry "Mac" Lee, DDS, who extracted information from Hailey's system to fit the dental field; and Steven Anderson, who is the president of the fast-growing, Texas-based company.

"It was amazing to find out that I had so much to learn about my own practice," Dr. Denison said. "I am very well schooled technically within the field of dentistry, but I never was taught the important people skills I learned at Boot Kamp."

According to Dr. Denison, Dental Boot Kamp is setting the trend by which all professionals should follow. In addition to invaluable people skills training, Dr. Denison and his staff were shown how to work better as a team, organizational information outlining how his office could operate more effectively, and even skills that will help each team member in Dr. Denison's practice relate better with family and friends.

"There is no way to put a value on what we have brought with us," Dr. Denison added.

Patients of Dr. Denison should soon be seeing the results of his trip to Connecticut. And with a promise to help promote proper and complete dental care in his community, his patients will undoubtedly like what they are seeing.

For photo coverage in the AAN, call photographer Jack Devine at 789-0053.

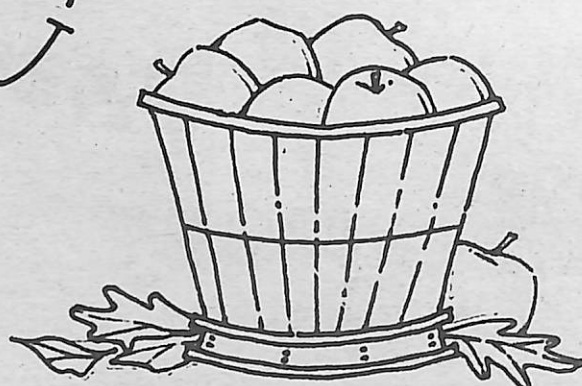
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Arts

Agawam Community Artists Show Slated For Oct. 20th & 21st

Under the auspices of the Agawam Cultural Council, the Agawam Community Artists will be having their yearly group exhibit at the Agawam Public Library. The reception will be held on Friday, October 20th, and will close on October 21st by 4:00 p.m.

This group is made up of local artists and artisans from Agawam and the surrounding area, and they cordially extend to all residents and persons interested in the cultural expressions of a very talented group. Don't miss it, and please join them in helping and make it a successful town event.

Should anyone have any questions, please contact Florida Tangocci, President, at 786-3689. Should anyone care to join the new season of this group, please call the aforementioned number for any information needed.

Gingerbread House Craft Show Slated At Wilbraham Church

Welcome back to the Gingerbread House Craft Show, which will take place on Friday, October 20th (4:00 to 9:00 p.m.), and Saturday, October 21st (9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.), at Wilbraham United Church, located on Main Street in Wilbraham, MA.

Now that you know where we are, join us in celebrating our 18th year together. "We may be small, but we're good."

Come in and see the many new crafts we've come up with, plus all those golden oldies you love so well. We will also have coffee, cider, and desserts, along with many door prizes.

So get a jump start on your holiday shopping, check your list, and hope to see you there.

For more information, call (413) 283-5204.

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On-Line Public Access Catalog At Ag. Library Ready To Go

Mayor Christopher C. Johnson is pleased to announce that the Agawam Public Library will be offering a series of demonstrations and training to citizens on the library's new on-line public access catalog. The first workshop will be held on October 19th at 7:00 p.m., and all one has to do is call or visit the library to register since space will be limited for each session.

When he funded the \$14,000 project for the library, Mayor Johnson expressed concern that library users would find the new on-line system difficult to use. A demonstration of the new catalog will prove to all library users that the on-line system is far more user-friendly than the old card catalog.

With the new catalog, users can stand in one spot rather than travelling from drawer to drawer and find out if our library owns an item, whether it is on the shelf, or whether another library in C/W MARS owns an item. The training, conducted by Jolene Mercadante, Technical Services Librarian, will include learning how to search for author, title, subject, and more. Our new system has proven to be easily learned by members of all ages.

The On-Line Public Access Catalog (OPAC) was approved by Christopher C. Johnson to allow the public to more fully realize the benefits of C/W MARS automation by converting to the OPAC already available through C/W MARS and eliminating the outmoded card catalog that was never up-to-date due to the constant huge backlogs of cards to be filed.

With OPAC, library users can have the same immediate access to materials as the staff. OPAC improves access to the library's collection because it allows keyword (locate any given word

anywhere on the bibliographic record), Boolean (and, or, not), and limited (by date or language searching). The C/W MARS OPAC is user-friendly with help screens and prompts available throughout a search.

On the other hand, the old card catalog is a highly labor-intensive, antiquated duplication of effort. The implementation of OPAC and the elimination of the card catalog has allowed our inadequate but efficient staff to become even more efficient by eliminating the filing and weeding of thousands of cards on a constant basis.

What's worse is that library users had no access to these items that were already in the C/W MARS system but waiting to be filed, so they probably assumed we did not have them unless they asked at the Reference Desk. The old card catalog also takes up enormous floor space, and we were running out of room with nowhere to expand.

For those who are still relying on the old card catalog, which has not been updated for about a year, we urge you to sign up for a workshop or just ask a staff member for a demonstration if you feel uncomfortable trying it. Currently, the old card catalog is temporarily housing the OPAC, but the old card catalog will be removed as of December 4, 1995 to accommodate a new piece of furniture built by the Building Department to save space.

Donna Campbell, Library Director, said, "The library is trying to ensure that all library users are comfortable with the new OPAC before we remove the old, redundant card catalog. Yet, the longer users wait to make the transition, the more out-of-date the old card catalog becomes."

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Ag. Cultural Council Is Accepting 1995-1996 Grant Applications

The Agawam Cultural Council is now accepting applications for individuals and organizations for projects in the 1995-1996 grant cycle. The deadline for the grants is October 16, 1995.

It is required by the Massachusetts Cultural Council that all applications be typed and either postmarked or delivered by the due date.

Applications may be picked up at either the reference desk of the Agawam Public Library or the Agawam Town Hall. Completed applications may be mailed to JoAnne Condon, Chairman, Agawam Cultural Council, 65 Beekman Drive, Agawam, MA 01001, or delivered to the Agawam Town Hall, 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA 01001.

Local council funds are used to support programs in the arts, humanities, and interpretive sciences in Massachusetts. This includes the study, pursuit, performance, exhibition, and/or enjoyment of cultural activities in the broadest sense. Funds are provided on a reimbursement basis.

For more information, call JoAnne Condon at 789-0994.

For copies of his photos in this edition, please call AAN photographer Jack Devine at his Agawam number — 789-0053.

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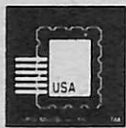
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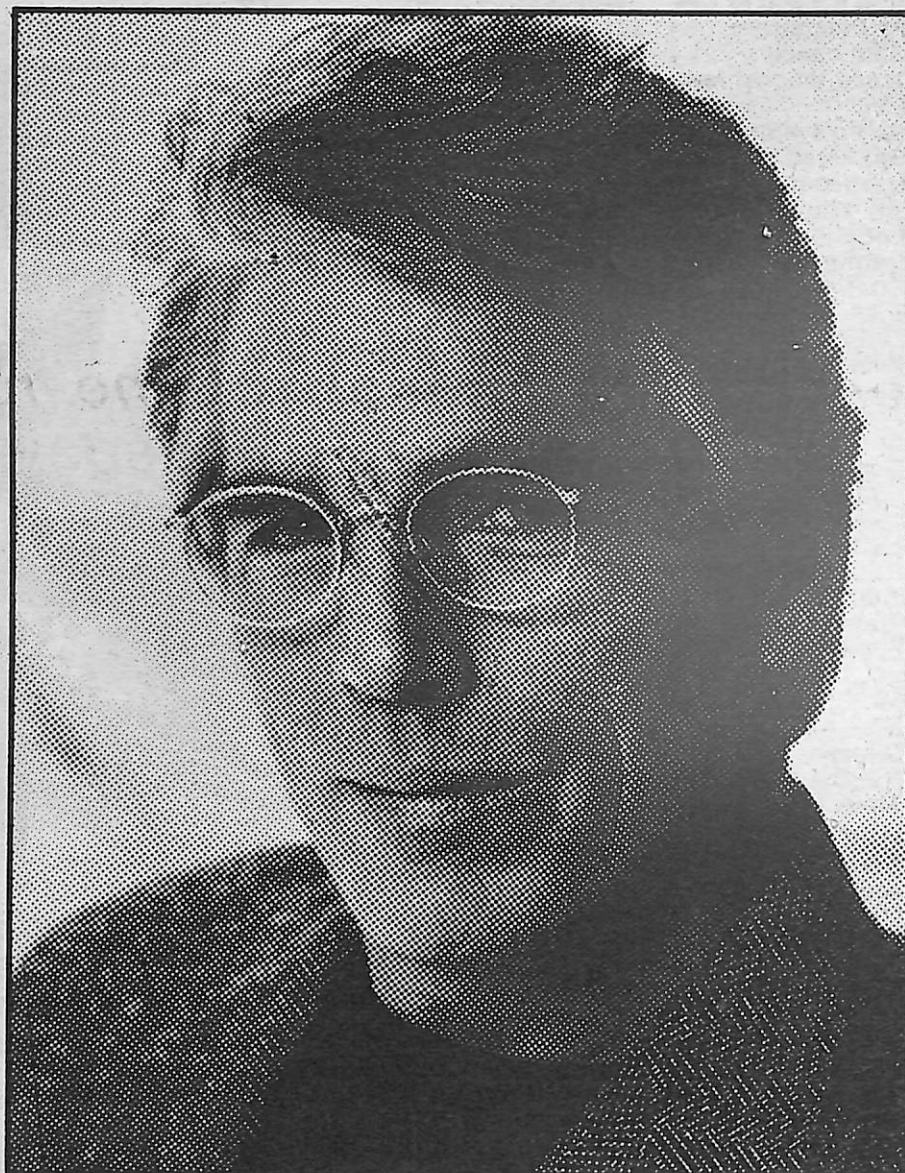
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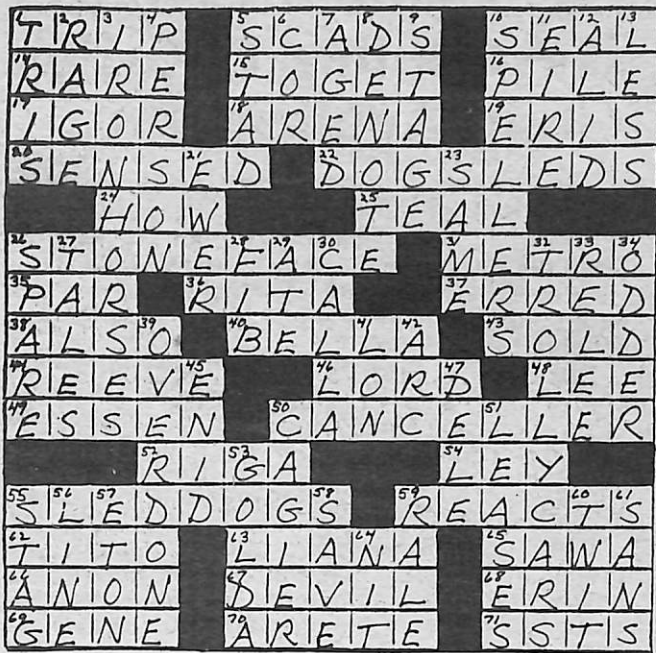
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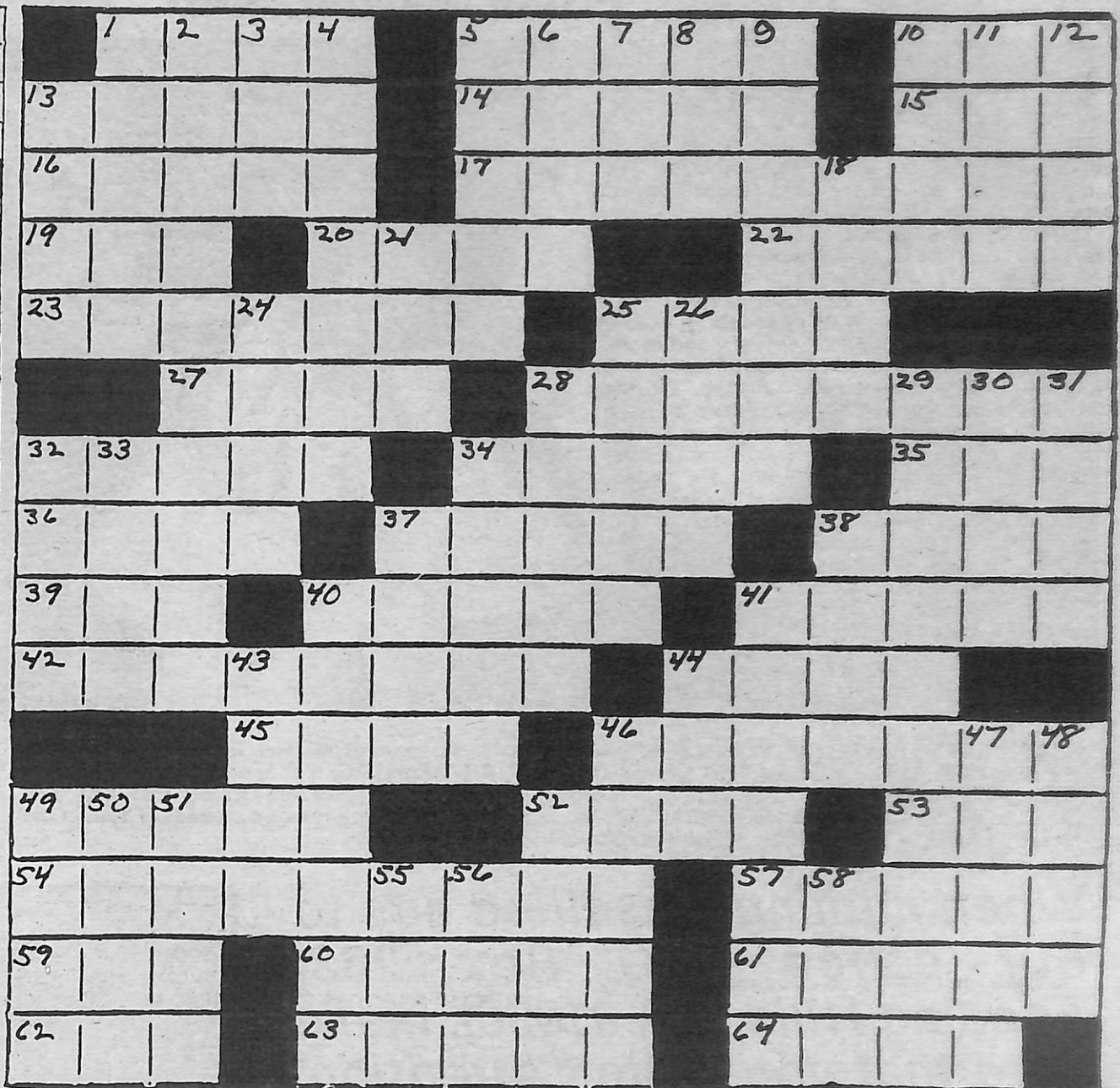
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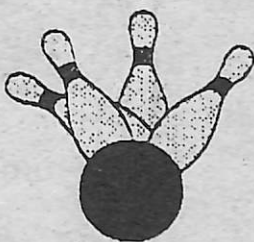
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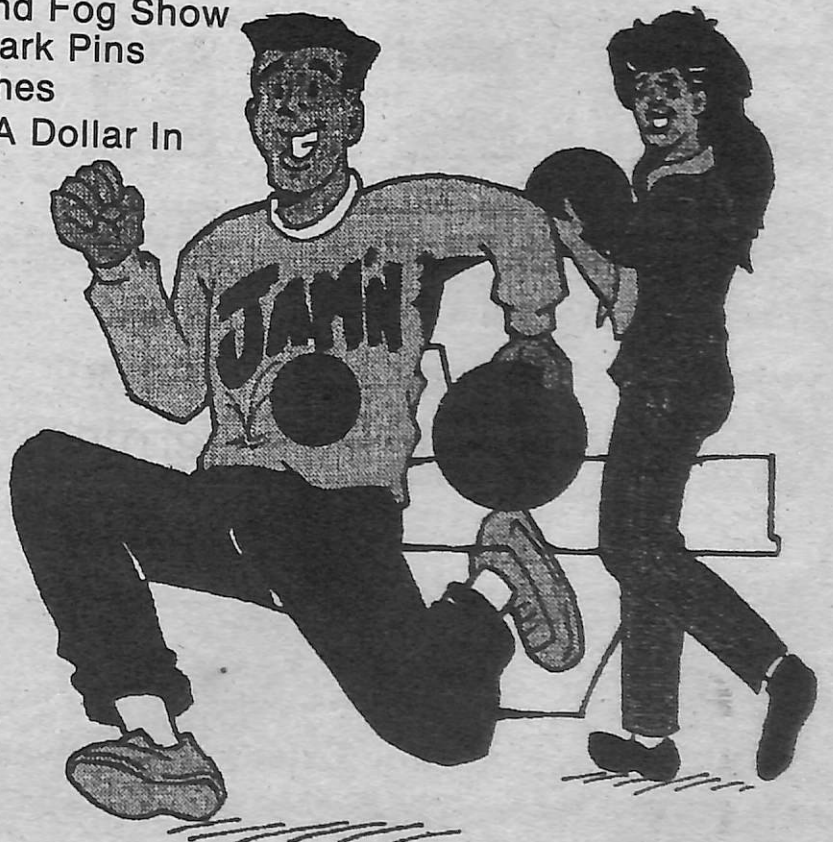
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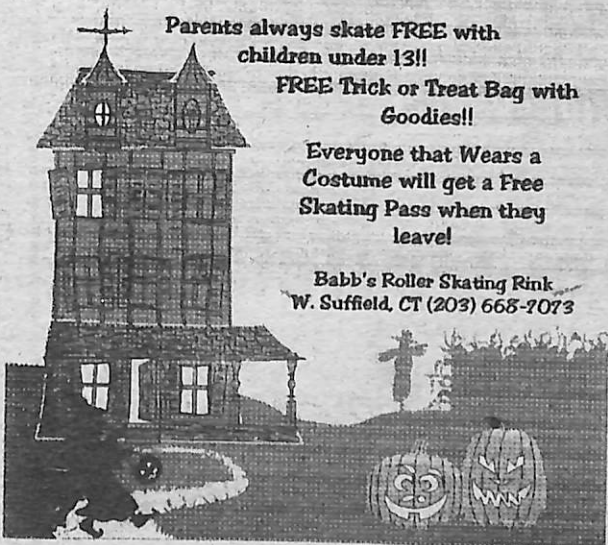
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That same evening, there will also be an adult costume contest, with prizes awarded to the top 10 participants, including \$1,000 to the Grand Prize winner. Special events are included with Park admission, and all FRIGHT FEST activities are free for Season Pass holders.

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Springfield Symphony Hall To Present "NUNSENSE II"

"NUNSENSE II," the sequel to the successful off-Broadway hit that ran for nine years, comes to Springfield Symphony Hall for one show only on Friday, October 27th, at 8:00 p.m.

Tickets, priced at \$32.50 and \$17.50, are on sale now at the Springfield Civic Center and Symphony Hall Box Office and all Ticketmaster outlets. A limited number of Golden Circle Seats are available for this show. To charge by phone, call the Box Office at (413) 787-6600 or (800) 639-8602, or call Ticketmaster at (413) 733-2500.

This musical-comedy hit begins where its predecessor left off, further revealing the trials and tribulations of the Little Sisters of Hoboken—five wacky nuns whose peppy songs, double entendres, and wicked puns elicit two-plus hours of infectious laughter from the audience.

The sisters have returned from their fundraising efforts in the original "NUNSENSE" to present a "thank you" show, where a talent scout is rumored to be in attendance. Though the Reverend Mother and her right-hand woman, Sister Mary Hubert, like to believe they have no time for dreams of stardom, they often join the antics and ambitions of Sister Mary Leo, Sister Robert Anne, and Sister Mary Amnesia.

Written by Dan Goggins, the show takes a whimsical look at the human side of nuns. It is a delight to discover that nuns can be as much fun as those who are less "heavenly." Audience participation is a big part of the show, and Goggins involves the audience from the very start to the delight of every theatergoer.

Book Sale At West Springfield Library

The Friends of the West Springfield Public Library will be holding its annual Fall Book Sale on Friday and Saturday, October 20th and 21st from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Library.

The Friends estimate that they will have about 4,000 hard-and-soft-cover books in categories such as fiction, non-fiction, biographies, cooking, and crafts, mysteries, fantasy Sci-Fi, children's, dictionaries, and encyclopedias.

The Fall Book Sale is the biggest fundraiser held by the Friends each year and is used to fund various library programs that otherwise would be lost, due to financial constraints.

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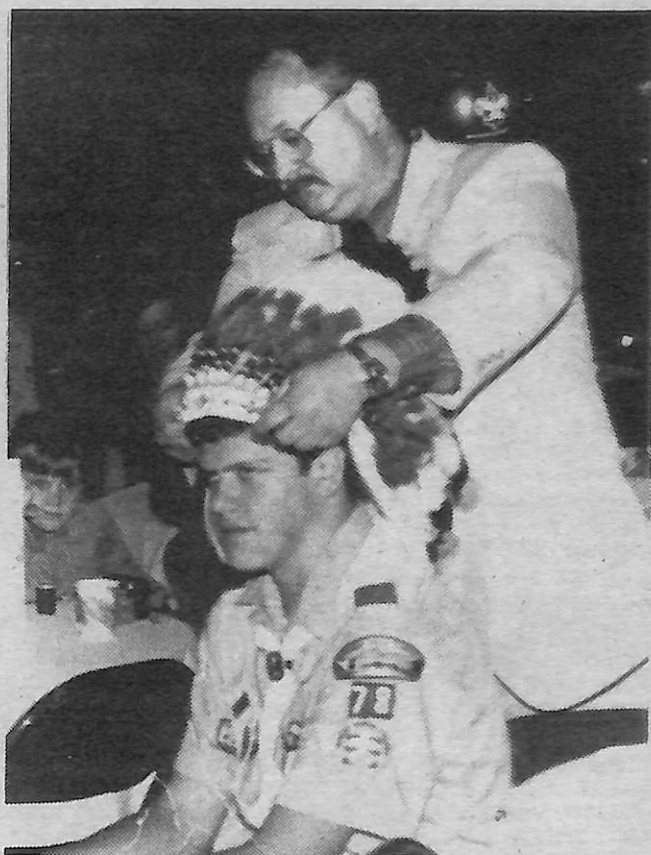


Education

Leeon Connor Receives Eagle Scout At STV



THE SPRINGFIELD TURNVEREIN presented the most coveted award in Boy Scouting, the Eagle Scout, to Leeon Connor at a special ceremony on September 30th. From left - Wilma Gillan, Turnverein's board of trustees; Mayor Christopher C. Johnson; Leeon Connor, Eagle Scout; and Daniel F. Keenan, state representative. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



LEEON CONNOR of Boy Scout Troop 78 of the Springfield Turnverein receives his Eagle Scout headband from his father, Kenneth Connor, at a special ceremony on September 30th at the Turnverein. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



NEW EAGLE SCOUT LEEON CONNOR of Troop 78 with members of his family - Ethel Syriac, grandmother; Linda Connor, mother; Kenneth Connor, father; and Verna Connor, grandmother. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Vivencio Graduate Of Boston U

Boston University awarded academic degrees to 1,007 students this fall.

Among the graduates was Feeding Hills resident Tara M. Vivencio, who received a BA in Psychology.

Boston University is the third largest independent university in the United States, with an enrollment of more than 29,000 students in its 15 schools and colleges.

Located in the heart of a city rich in cultural, historical, and intellectual attractions, the University is one of the nation's preeminent teaching and research institutions.

AHS Mohawks Win Columbus Day Parade

The Agawam High School "Marching Mohawks Band" was recently named "Best High School Band" in the Springfield Columbus Day Parade. The group was selected from 25 bands representing Massachusetts, New York, and Connecticut.

The band is under the direction of Tammy Watson and Darcy Davis, and assisted by Todd Conery and Claudine Bouchard. Drum Majors are Jason Reed and Sarah Shepard. Colorguard Captains are Andrea Leblanc, Danielle LaBarre, and Stacy Rennell.

The Marching Mohawks will be performing locally on Saturday, October 21st, at the Massachusetts Instrumental Conductors' Association Western District Finals. This event will feature 10 bands from throughout Massachusetts and Connecticut, and will begin at 6:00 p.m. at Agawam High School. Admission is \$4 (\$3 for students and senior citizens).

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Science Museum's "Starlab" Coming To Granger School

The Springfield Science Museum will be bringing the universe to the students at Granger School with "Starlab"—the Museum's portable planetarium. "Starlab" will be presented at Granger from October 24th to October 27th during school hours. Each "Starlab" presentation is a 35-to 45-minute interactive lesson on the constellations, planets, and stars, geared to the students' knowledge.

The teachers and students will be able to choose from three grade-appropriate programs. One of the choices is the program called the "Night Sky," in which the students will explore constellations, stars, and planets of the season, along with a discussion of the Earth's rotation and the structure of the solar system.

The second program, entitled "Ancient Greek Skylore," will introduce the night sky through the eyes of another culture. The stars come alive as the children hear ancient Greek legends about the constellations.

In the third program, "Pictures in the Stars," the sparkling night sky will become more real and personal for the students as they invent their own constellations. After a brief introduction to the night sky and constellations, each student will scan the beautiful Starlab sky to create a constellation of his or her own. Children will draw their constellations and write stories or legends about them.

The Granger PTO would like to thank the Agawam Cultural Council for its continued contribution to the cultural life of the community through enrichment programs, like "Starlab," that provide students with the opportunity to gain awareness of, and appreciation for, the world in which we live.

This project is supported, in part, by a grant from the Agawam Cultural Council, a local agency, the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency, and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Voc-Tech Center To Hold Open House

The Vocational Technical Education Center will be having an Open House on Tuesday, October 24th from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The Voc-Tech Center serves students in the Lower Pioneer Valley who wish to complement their high school diploma with a vocational trade certificate.

For more information, please call the school at 593-5586.

Agawam Health Dept. Schedules Two More Influenza Clinics

The Agawam Health Department has scheduled two additional influenza clinics during the month of October.

The next clinic will be held at the Danahy Schoolhouse on Maple Street on October 24th from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Then, on October 31st, a clinic will be held at Pheasant Hill Village, Pheasant Hill Drive, Feeding Hills, also from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Influenza vaccine will be administered free of charge to persons 65 years of age and over or if you have chronic conditions such as heart disease, asthma, emphysema, bronchitis, chronic kidney disease, or diabetes.

Local Students Noted For Accomplishments At Collaborative

Jim Laverty, Supervisor of Occupational Education at Lower Pioneer Valley Educational Collaborative, has announced the names of local students of the school's Vocational Technical Education Center who were recognized as "Students of the Month" by demonstrating some or all of the following:

The ability to apply effectively the skills taught; exemplary behavior towards others students and staff; an above average willingness to work and accept new work; an outstanding attitude of cooperation; continued good attendance in the program; and a strong desire to contribute to the program and the Voc-Tech Center.

The following Agawam students were among those receiving awards for September:

Tim Lawrenchuk, Automotive Technology; Jason Gallup, Graphic Arts; Matthew Grych Electronics.

Car Wash Slated By Ag. Congregational's Jr. High Youth Group

A car wash sponsored by the Agawam Congregational Church Jr. High Youth Group will be held on Sunday, October 15th, from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. in the church parking lot.

Donation is \$3 per car. This is a fundraiser for the Jr. High Youth Group events held during the year.

Agawam Schools' Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, October 16th: Steamed frankfort in roll, krinkle cut fries, mustard, relish, catsup, chilled peaches in syrup, milk.

Tuesday, October 17th: Hamburg in roll, sliced cheese, seasoned green beans, applesauce spice cake with icing or pineapple tidbits, milk.

Wednesday, October 18th: Rotini with meatsauce, tossed garden salad with creamy dressing, Italian bread & butter, chilled pears in syrup, milk.

Thursday, October 19th: Taco boat with cheese topping & mild taco sauce, golden corn, chocolate pudding with topping or applesauce, milk.

Friday, October 20th: Tuna salad sandwich in a roll, oven potato puffs with catsup, seasoned waxed beans, chocolate brownie, milk.

* **REMINDER:** Elementary lunch is \$1/per day or \$5/weekly.

(NOTE: Please remember to purchase your tickets on Mondays for the week. Personal checks are accepted, payable to: The Agawam School Lunch.)

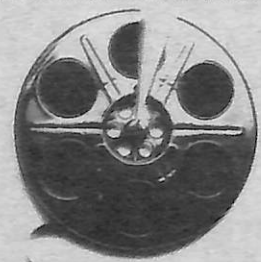
Jr. High PTO Plans Next Meeting For Monday, Oct. 16th

The October meeting of the Agawam Junior High School PTO will be held on Monday, October 16th at 7:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

Elections for the School Council will be held at this meeting.



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Sports

AHS Girls' Soccer Snap Skid With 3-0 Win Over Comp

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The Agawam High girls' soccer team pulled into Chicopee Comp Tuesday afternoon dragging a five-game losing streak behind them, during which they'd been outscored 13-4. The ailing Brownies needed to get well. They did just that, beating the Colts convincingly, 3-0.

Agawam had two shots on the Comp goal before the game was two minutes old as Sue DeFilipi, Courtne Hyland, and Cindi Alfano buzzed the net. They had another chance at the four-minute mark. They were hitting the Colts early and hard. It seemed just a matter of time before it all paid off.

With 10 minutes gone, it did. DeFilipi, who has only one gear, fast, started off a textbook play. From the right wing, she booted a cross kick right in front of the net. Kristen Patterson was just waiting for it. And she neatly put her ninth goal of the season over the keeper's head from 15 feet out. Sue got the assist. It was 1-0, Brownies.

They went right back to living in the Colts' zone. Every time Comp tried to get it past midfield, Agawam would start intercepting their passes and pass it right back in again. Jill DeMarco, Sara Cote, and Carrie Janik were particularly adept at that particular tactic. Agawam was clearly the more aggressive of the two clubs. Their game plan was basic, sound soccer: work the wings and pass it to the middle for the best scoring opportunities.

Comp mounted a minor threat at the 22:18 mark. Agawam overcame it and entered the Colt zone. They would stay there for almost 11 minutes (until 11:37) before Comp finally managed to clear it to give their beleaguered 'D' some rest.

Agawam had the Colts down, though. They planned to keep them there. In short order they were back buzzing the Comp goal. With 3:41 left in the half, Cindi Alfano, right in front of the goal

mouth, banged a stray ball past keeper Terry Malone to make it 2-0, Brownies.

By now, the Comp defense was becoming exhausted. And with 2:17 to go, Alfano struck again. She was flat on her knees 15 feet in front of the net when the ball came her way. She struggled to her feet and put one in low to the right.

The half ended at 3-0. Agawam had 10 shots on goal, and Comp only two.

AHS Becomes A Different Team...

The Brownies came out in the second half, however, and played like an altogether different team. It's something they'd been doing all season long. It's been driving Coach Mary Murray crazy. She would comment later, "If our games were 40 minutes long instead of 80, we'd be 9 and 1."

Comp seemed to come alive. Emily Desmaris had perhaps their best chance of the game when she blasted a tester in on Melissa Troie. But the Brownie keeper was up to the challenge and made a fine save.

Just over the halfway mark, the game settled down to a battle at midfield as Coach Murray watched her team seem to shift into neutral. With five minutes left, Patterson again had a great chance. She stuck one right on. It hit the angle of the right-hand post and the cross bar. A foot lower and it would have been a goal. It ended 3-0.

Coach Murray commented on another aspect of their season that has puzzled all of them—the lack of breaks. Lady Luck seems to be attending some other game when the Brownies play. "It's gotten so we have to make our own breaks," she said. Every now and then she'd like one to just happen.

After that game, Agawam stood at 5-6-1 and 5-5-1 in the Coombs Division. The Colts dropped to 0-9-1 and 0-8-1 in the Feilding Division.

Tough Terriers Shut Down AHS In Girls' Soccer

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

They say defense wins championships. They point out that good pitching beats good hitting at all times. They say you can score 40 points in football, but if your opponent scores 41 ... you don't win. No one cares about the score, just the plus mark in the left-hand column.

The point is this. Last Saturday night's girls' Agawam High/West Springfield soccer game, won by the Terriers, 3-0, shows just how important defense can be. Because it can wear you down and make you tired because your best efforts are thwarted. And you game plan, no matter how good, seems to be swimming upstream. A good defense is extremely frustrating.

It is even more so when you seem to be up to the challenge of a better team and playing good 'D' yourself. The first half of this game saw Agawam almost always manning the ramparts. It was grim work, as defense almost always is. There is little glory in it because it is so exhausting. Agawam players like Kristen Patterson and Carrie Janik were forever trying to get the Terriers out of their end zone. Forward Sue DeFilipi was forever trying to kick it out.

Agawam, so finely coached by Mary Murray in the fundamentals of passing, was constantly broken up in those efforts by fine plays from forward Becky Donahue.

Agawam, after its great defensive efforts, had a great chance at 17:29 of the first. Patterson, on a right-side break, dropped it to Jaime Thomas. Thomas passed it to Rita Reshamwala. West Side goalie Becky Pronovost stuffed Rita's shot. That great effort might have taken the energy out of the Brownies. They fell back on defense once again.

It must have been discouraging because they were facing a West Springfield team that was 7-0-1. Agawam, at 4-5-1, had lost their last four in a row.

The half ended with a scoreless tie.

Terriers Begin Their Assault...

West Side started its assault with 15 minutes gone. Right winger Heather Flora had an open net (up top) over Melissa Troie. She shot it high. West Side wouldn't let Agawam get the ball out of its zone after that shot and attacked again. They were ready to score right out in front of the Brownie net when senior defender Kara McDade came up and disrupted that offensive thrust.

When Agawam was able to clear its zone, Terrier sweeper Marisa Hosmer booted it right back in. With 23 minutes left, West Side got its first score. It was post up soccer. Heather Klorer crossed from the right side. She let a curve ball fly from 20 feet out. It hit the left post and ricocheted across the goal mouth from left to right into the corner of the net. Troie (15 saves) had no chance on this one.

The flood gates were about to open. With 18 minutes left, West Side scored again. But not before Janik initially prevented a score by crossing in front of the Brownie net, making a great defender save on a dead middle shot that was going to go in.

However, West Side scored 30 seconds later off a corner kick. The damage was done by Kristy Epolito. It stood at 2-0, West Side.

The Terriers were taking quality shots. With 8:50 left, Nancy Manser got open. She was 20 feet out on the left. Troie had no help around her. Manser sent a blast to Troie's low left side.

At presstime, the Brownies have lost five in a row. Murray has no excuses. She knows how to coach soccer and hopes her charges can string a few wins together to snap the slide.

Mike Domaingue Gives Brownies' Boys' Soccer Savvy & Stability

by Dave Rollins
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Seventeen year-old senior Mike Domaingue is a two sport athlete at Agawam High School.

In the fall he's a midfielder on the varsity soccer team. In the spring he's on the diamond as a second baseman. No matter what the sport, Mike is a tough and savvy competitor.

Sometimes high school can be a drag for some kids, but not for Mike. He likes it because he feels a kinship to his senior classmates. "We've all been together for so long. And soon it will be time for everyone to move on," he says.

Of all his courses at AHS, Mike says physics is his favorite subject because it is challenging and fun. He also states another, more esoteric reason he favors physics. "I try to apply it to hitting a baseball, with all the angles and the way the ball travels."

Mr. Morse and Mr. Mocchio are his favorite teachers at the school.

Education Is Top Priority

Mike feels that while he loves sports, getting a good education is his top priority. He's interested in Quinnipiac College in Hamden, Connecticut, and Bentley College in Waltham.

Brandeis University, also in Waltham, and Dean Junior College in Franklin, are interested in him. Wherever he ends up, he'd like to major in business administration.

His sports hero is Baltimore Orioles shortstop Cal Ripken. "He goes out and plays everyday, just like I want to do," Mike told us.

His favorite team is the Boston Red Sox because he "grew up" with them.

Most kids like food. Mike is no exception. "Tacos at Taco Bell," he replied right away.

Mike likes his clothes comfortable - mostly jeans and sandals with a shirt with a button down collar and a sweater. His favorite color is navy blue.

When school, practice, or a game is over, Mike likes to kick back and take in a movie or watch some TV. "Little Giants" is his favorite big screen flick. Tops for him on the tube is "Seinfeld." "It's just like real life. I notice things in school that happen on that show," he says.



MIKE DOMAINGUE

"Any kind of music is fine with me. It just depends on my mood." He did admit that before soccer games he liked to listen to Pink Floyd.

Mike feels he's pretty conservative. He tries to stick to what he believes in and what he feels are important in his life - education, good grades, and sports.

Frame Of Mind

What makes him a good athlete? Mike thought a second, then said, "I think it's my frame of mind. I try to keep in the game at all times and think a play or two ahead. I also feel I work hard and prepare well."

His mom's name is Carol and Al is his dad. Mike has two sisters - Jennifer, 21, and Stefanie, 15, a freshman at AHS.

How would he like to be remembered after his days at AHS are through? He replied, "A nice guy, a good athlete, and a leader."

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Spartans	16-4	47
E Z Riders	15-5	40
Olympic Fasteners	6-14	19
Lightning Spike	3-17	14

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Night Of Frustration In South Hadley As Tigers Crunch Brownies, 31-6

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The 31-6 South Hadley High football victory over Agawam High last Saturday was simply a good old, down home whupping. It was smash mouth, in-your-face football of the highest order. It was the essence of Vince Lombardi's philosophy that the game boils down to blocking and tackling.

Unfortunately for the Brownies, the most "in-your-face" guy on the field was the Tigers' Dan Bokuniewicz and the whole South Hadley team, which did most of the blocking and tackling.

Coach Dean Vecchiarelli could find nothing positive about this game. "We got beat up. We weren't emotionally ready to play. I think everyone realized that."

Bokuniewicz, a 5-11, 185-pound senior running back, did just that—run. He ran through, around, and over the Agawam defense. Dashing and darting Dan ended up with 246 yards on 30 carries. He would have had more. But Tiger Coach Steve Dubilio pulled him with six minutes to go in the game.

Agawam might have had a premonition of what kind of day it might be when Bokuniewicz busted a 22-yard run on the first Tiger offensive play of the game. The only reason he didn't go the distance was a nice saving tackle by Brownie corner Phil McGeoghan. Ten plays and 46 yards later, Bokuniewicz would sweep the Agawam right end for a three-yard score. That TD came at the 5:44 mark.

A Wakeup Call For The Brownies

It was now time for the Brownies to answer that wakeup call. They got the ball at their 29 on the ensuing kickoff. And, of course, they went to their bread and butter guy, senior Dom Pisano. He tried the right side and got nailed for a gain of one yard. It didn't get much better for the Brownie co-

captain. He would finish a frustrating night with only 10 carries, which netted him 41 yards. They got only one yard on three plays in this series.

The next Tiger possession was almost like déjà vu. They took over at their 22 and it was off to the races again. This time, behind Bokuniewicz and his running mate, 6', 225-pound senior fullback Jeff Lane (18 carries/67 yards), they marched the ball to the Agawam six.

But behind two of the best around, Mike Perry and Derek Parker, the Agawam 'D' rose up for the only time in the game and shut the Tigers down in a big time pressure situation.

A quarterback draw by South Hadley's Justin Clark got the ball to the Brownie two. A procedure penalty backed it up five to the seven. On the next play, Lane fumbled and Agawam's Andrew Ingham recovered at the five. Andrew played well in spots, along with three guys who saw limited action on defense—6', 210-pound senior tackle Tony Russo, senior defensive lineman Dan Yon (5'10", 230 pounds), and 5'10", 225-pound junior defensive tackle Frank Andruss. But on this day, there really was no way to solve the Tiger offensive puzzle.

The Brownies could do nothing on their next series, even though quarterback Jeff Harlin (13 attempts, 4 completions, 66 yards, 1 interception) decided to put it up. He hit Pisano (3 receptions, 20 yards) for three. But, once again, the Tiger defense was just that—Tigers. Agawam could do little.

South Hadley took it down. They were at the Brownies' six. It was fourth and five. Bokuniewicz took the pitch and threw incomplete into the end zone.

Agawam had it at its own six. Now something came up. Pisano got the hand-off. He streaked for

15 yards. He had only one man to beat and a phalynx formed up around him. He tried, but took the hit and went down. If he'd found the end zone, well, who knows what it would have done for the Agawam mind set.

Half Ends At 13-0

Three more attempts made it third and nine at the South Hadley 23. With 32 seconds left in the half, the Brownies punted. South Hadley blocked it. Mike Egan pounced on it in the end zone for the touchback. The half ended 13-0, Tigers.

South Hadley had the first possession of the second half. They went on an 81-yard scoring romp in only 10 plays. Bokuniewicz topped it off with a nine-yard TD trek around right end to make it 19-0.

Agawam's only bright spot on the drizzly afternoon had now arrived. They took the kickoff and started on its own 35. On third and 10, Harlin, looking for something that would work, rolled right and ran it to the South Hadley 41. A penalty got it to the South Hadley 22. Pisano pulled off three straight runs for 18 yards. Harlin, behind viscous right side blocking by 245-pound Parker and 250-pound Justin Casinhino, stuck it in from the one with 2:30 left in the third quarter. The extra point failed. It was 19-6.

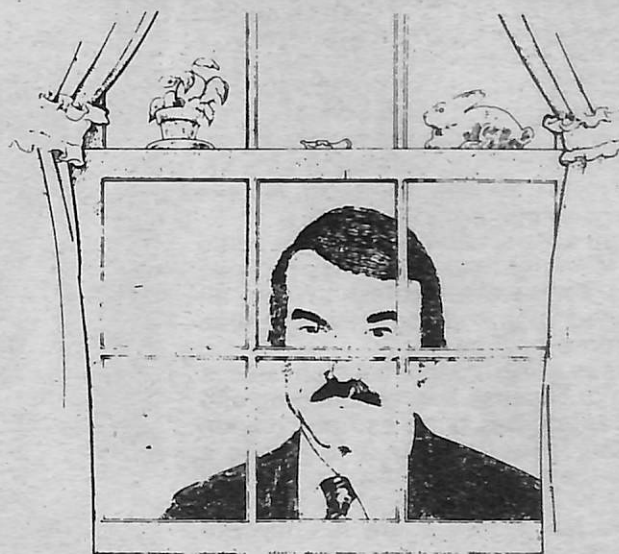
A one yard Jeff Lane run with just under nine minutes left made it 25-6. By now the second teamers were getting an opportunity to play. The final score was a Tiger TD pass. It ended, once again, 31-6 South Hadley.

Agawam falls to 1-3. This was a non-conference game for Agawam. (South Hadley is in the Suburban League.) So, it won't hurt their chances in the conference. Next week, however, they face-off vs. Westfield up there. The Bombers are 0-4, so just maybe Agawam will be in good shape for a win in this one.

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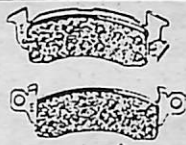
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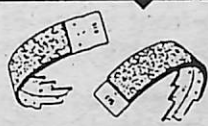
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In Field Hockey...

Powerful Southwick Blanks AHS, 3-0

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

On Tuesday night, Southwick, one of the legitimate field hockey powers in all of Massachusetts (18-2-1 last season, the division and sectional champs, and state finalists), invaded Harmon Smith field. They came in at 5-1-2 (their only loss came compliments of Athol) and left 6-1-2 after beating the Brownies, 3-0.

Really, the only threats Agawam had in the first half came with 28:38 left as Erica Pratt and Stephanie Fleming worked the ball into AnnMarie Bianca, who got off a good shot. But goalie Katie Case made a fine save. The second one occurred three minutes later when Amy Bilodeau put one on goal. Case was up to that one as well.

The Rams, however, were just warming up their engines during this time. At the 22:50 mark, they punched the time clock and went to work. For the balance of the game, the Brownies would be forced to play grim, tiring defense.

Southwick has one simple yet effective philosophy—get the ball anywhere near hailing distance of the goal and shoot. And keep shooting. Eventually, something good, like a score, might happen.

For a time, the Agawam defense, led by Becky Wing, Melissa Fleming, and Jill Pavelczyk, were up to it. As was keeper Andrea Nolan, who stood gallantly up to the screaming shots that came at her from all angles. But the Brownie faithful knew it was just a matter of time.

The Rams' first goal came with 8:21 left in the first half. From 35 feet out, dead center, senior forward Kristen Iarrusso belted one through a screen of players. Nolan could do little to counter the shot. It beat her to the right side. It was 1-0, Southwick.

The Rams tallied again, less than a minute later, when Iarrusso, from almost the same spot, took a feed from Sarah Clark and drove the ball home.

The half ended 2-0, Rams. They had 11 shots on goal to get those two scores. If it weren't for the fine play of Nolan, the score could have been much higher. Agawam could only manage two.

Something New And More Of The Same

The second half saw something new and more of the same. Agawam now had Kirsten Decoteau in net. Southwick once again pressed the attack. Right off the bat, their aggressiveness showed when forward Kelly Barnowski got a rare yellow card for roughness. Two other Ram players who played a little less rough, but rough enough, were the Tower brothers, Corey (a senior) and Matt (a junior). They could be intimidating at times, even though the Brownie girls didn't seem at all in awe of them. They were effective stick handlers and effective at breaking Agawam's offensive surges.

The Brownies, who usually do well in golfing the ball out of their zone, couldn't seem to find the

touch this evening, as they continually misfired. From the 30-minute mark to 23:51, the ball remained in the Agawam zone, most of the time within fairly close proximity to the net. Finally, they did manage to clear it and move it down field. Stephanie Fleming had a good shot at 23:10. But Case made another nice save.

At 19:09, Southwick scored its third and final goal of the game. It came out of a crowd around the Brownie net off the stick of Iarrusso for her third goal of the evening.

There was just too much Southwick on this evening. The Brownies must be given credit, though. They kept playing hard right to the end.

New Rams head Coach Sue Pelligrinelli explained why her club is such a shoot-'em-up outfit. "It's simple, really. You can't score if you don't shoot. And the more you shoot, the more chances you have to put it in the net. We've worked hard on not being reluctant to let it fly from just about anywhere in our opponent's zone."

Brownie Coach Cindy Grieve accepted the loss. "They're schooled in the basics and well-coached. The two guys on the team don't make it any easier. But they all play together as a unit. That's what counts."

This was a Southern Division game. Agawam is 2-3 in the division and 2-4-3 overall. Southwick leads the division with a 6-0-0 record.

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AHS Football Needs Win Over Westfield To Get Back On Track

by Dave Rollins
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Last season Agawam High beat Westfield here, 28-21. Last year the Bombers finished at 5-5 and in the middle of the AA Conference pack. The Brownies ended at 6-4 and shared a piece of the AA Conference crown.

The Bombers are the Brownies' football opponents on Friday night at 7:00 p.m., at Bullins Field. Agawam will go in at 1-3. Westfield has an 0-4 slate. Both teams, as most of us know, got a big-time hosing last Saturday.

Both Teams Need A Lift

Agawam lost 31-6 at the hands of South Hadley. Westfield was crushed, 30-0, courtesy of Longmeadow.

Both teams have problems. The Bombers, though a tough bunch, have had problems both running and throwing the football. Agawam has trouble blocking for their new offensive set.

"They run out of the multiple I," Coach Dean Vecchiarelli observed. Then he added, "That offensive formation means they'll do anything - pass, use a wingback, or power run with it with misdirection. After the South Hadley game we went up and scouted them heavily. They don't execute that well."

Needless to say, the Brownie coaches, who went to watch the Bombers, were in a mangy mood. "This is going to be a big game for us," Vec said. "We are going to use the disappointment of that loss to South Hadley and feed off it, just like they did to us coming off the previous week's 13-12 loss to Amherst." (Remember, Agawam beat Amherst, 35-0.)

Then he added, "We need a win, desperately." Vec feels the key to this one will be how well the Brownies run the ball behind improved blocking. Westfield will throw up a 5-2 or 4-3 defense. The former is a standard set for high school football. The latter runs to the exotic. It's something like the pros run.

Get Many People Involved

Vec seemed coldly resolved. "This week we are going to practice and make our offense a little less complicated. We'll try and get the ball to as many people in our motion offense as possible."

Agawam's injury list isn't that long. Star tight end and defender, Bryan Menard, who got dinged against South Hadley, seems a go. Tough junior running back Jeff Blews is questionable with a neck problem.

The Brownies tied Westfield at Bullins Field in 1993, 14-14. Traditionally, it has not been a friendly place for the Brownies since the mid-1970's.

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West Side Takes AHS Booters, 1-0

by Dave Rollins
Advertiser News Sports Editor

No matter what the sport, the rivalry between Agawam High School and West Springfield High is an old and intense one.

It was no different on Monday night at West Side's Clarke Field where the Terriers beat the Brownies, 1-0 in schoolboy soccer. It was a bitter loss for Agawam, one that saw a grim group of athletes and coaches on the bus ride home.

The Brownies are now 2-5-1 in their division and fell to 3-6-1 overall. The Terriers are 4-3-3 at presstime.

Coming Off Nice Win

Agawam was coming off a nice 2-1 win over Minnechaug Regional. The team felt it was starting to turn things around. But West Side started the game on the offense. And the Brownies quickly found themselves backing up and backing up.

Leading the Terriers' initial drive was midfielder Joe Mancini. Some nice defensive work by two Agawam midfielders, Jim Baldyga and Eric Johnson, managed to shut him down. Whenever the Brownies did manage to get across midfield, the ball was usually booted back into their zone by sweeper Will Bowe. That tactic continued to frustrate the locals throughout the game.

At 31:35, Agawam had a mini-threat as Olive Schoendube and Mike Domaingue rushed the West Side net. But once again Bowe managed to get a toe on the ball and it flew the other way.

Two minutes later, Schoendube, on the right wing, sent a nice cross to a rushing Chris Chechile in front of the Terrier net. It was barely broken up by Randy Wilke. That play just added to the Brownie frustration.

However, the locals stuck to their game plan of patience. Their defense was tested at 20:43 when Wilke, free for a second, crossed in front of the net and would have had a clean shot on goal. But senior Marcus Damus, showing fine speed, caught up to him and disrupted any chance Wilke had to shoot.

West Side had a corner kick at 15:20. The Agawam defense snuffed it out. Less than a minute later, West Side had a free kick. Bowe tried to hook a blast around the wall of defenders but the ball sailed wide right.

The Terriers were applying lots of offensive pressure again. And because of that, they made a mistake that gave the Brownies their best scoring

chance of the half. The ball came roaring out of the Agawam zone and rolled upfield.

Todd Jorgenson, using his speed, caught up with it and bore down on the Terrier goal. Bowe, ready to defend, fell down. The keeper, Rob Galaska, came far out of his net to make a play.

Jorgenson let it fly from about 40 feet. The net was open. But the ball went high, sailing over the center of the goal mouth.

The Brownies had a free kick with four minutes left. Steve Rovithis booted it right into the screen of blockers. The half ended in a scoreless tie. West Side had 3 shots on goal. Agawam had the same.

Terriers Strike Early

The second half saw the field become slippery. Players were going down with regularity. Then, as it so often happens right after the half, a team strikes for a score.

With 3:30 gone, West Side's Jaime Mitchell cut in front of the Agawam goal and took a pass from Bill Fornier. From 30 feet out, he fired into several defenders. The ball got through and beat sophomore keeper Brian O'Quinn to the high, right-hand corner. It was 1-0, West Side.

After playing more defense after this score, the Brownies did have a nice rush at the halfway mark of the period and found themselves right in front of the Terrier net with a golden opportunity to score.

The ball came flying out of the mob of flailing feet and legs from 20 feet away. The ball had the goal labeled. Galaska dove hard to his right, hit his stomach, and just made a great save.

The bottom line in the game simply was that West Side never let the Brownies get into any prolonged offensive rhythm. There would be attacks followed by long periods of exhausting defense. When they did get an opportunity, they couldn't get a break. The game ended 1-0.

Coach Dwight Northrup asked his dejected team when it was over if they felt as bad in the pit of their stomachs as he did. This was a non-conference game. West Side is in the Smith Division. Agawam is in the Moriarty. Time is running out for the Brownies if they have any hopes of making the tournament.

"We just have to put this game behind us and move on," he noted.

Agawam Rowdies Under-14 Girls Runners-Up At Holiday Tourney

The Agawam "Rowdies"—an U-14 Pioneer Valley girls' soccer team coached by Denny Marr and assisted by Lynn Modzelesky and Jim White—placed second at the Columbus Day Soccer Tournament held in Springfield, MA.

The girls played well going into the finals, winning all their games. Teams played were: North Branch with a score of 6-0; Noshoba United with a score of 1-0; Enfield, CT, with a score of 2-1; and Brazilian Soccer Club, the semi-finals, with a score of 2-0.

The final game was between the "Rowdies" and "Western United," with the final score of 3-1 giving "Western United" the win. All our girls played well and gave their best, as they always do. Congratulations, girls!

The team players are: Elise Alfano, Sheri Benton, Dianna DiStefano, Jill Gendron, Pamela Gervais, Jennifer Lock, Gina Loudfoot, Jennifer Marr, Kerry McGeoghan, Jennifer Modzelesky, Samantha Mozdzanowski, Katherine Shannon, Shawna Suffriti, Amanda Tilden, and Kaitlin White.

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Agawam's Ed Torres returned the opening kickoff into Wilbraham territory. After runs by Russ Smith, Shawn Biebel, Alex Almquist, and a nice pass from QB Mike Martin to end Jason Daigneau, the Warriors had a first down at the Falcon 10. On the next play, Almquist, behind blocks by Daigneau, Biebel and Vin Buoniconti swept right end and ran into the end zone untouched. The conversion failed and Agawam had a 6-0 lead. It was almost too easy. Wilbraham took the ensuing kickoff and helped by Warrior penalties marched into Warrior territory. The Warrior "D" hung tough, forcing Wilbraham to punt.

Agawam's next drive was stopped by a fumble and Wilbraham had a first down on their own 30. Wilbraham marched into Agawam territory before the heart (Jerry Graves) and the soul (Russ Smith) of Agawam's "D" took matters into their own hands. They caused chaos in the backfield, forcing them to punt. Agawam took over on their own 13. With five minutes left in the half, Agawam drove from their own 13 to inside the Falcon 20. A turnover stopped the Warrior drive and the half ended with Agawam on top, 6-0.

Wilbraham took the second half kickoff and was forced to punt. Two plays later, Almquist swept left end and ran 40 yards for the Warrior's second TD. Almquist would finish with 131 yards rushing on the day. The conversion failed and the Warriors led 12-0. On their next possession, Wilbraham staged their most successful drive, taking the ball inside the Warriors' 15. The drive was stopped by key plays by Graves and outside linebacker Eric Pederson. Agawam then drove the ball deep inside Falcon territory before turning it over on downs.

The lone Wilbraham score came on a desperation pass with 50 seconds left. It was too little too late. The Falcons' fate was sealed when Martin recovered the onside kick enabling Agawam to run out the clock. The final score was Agawam 12, Wilbraham 6.

The Warrior line of Graves, Pederson, Daigneau, Mike Blevins, Shawn Gloster, Scott Harlin, and Isidro Aguinaga got the job done when they had to. Torres, Buoniconti, Kevin Rivers, and Kevin Grealis played tough on defense.

The Warriors travel to Chicopee Sunday before returning home for rematches against Wilbraham and arch-rival West Springfield. The games are at Phelps School field and admission is free. Come out and cheer the Warriors. You'll see some pretty good football.

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Another Banner Season At Riverside

Ben Dodge, Jr., Director of NASCAR Auto Racing, has done it again. Riverside Park Speedway, one of NASCAR's most successful short tracks, has broken another record. This record is the second in less than 30 days, after the announcement of the highest attendance since 1987 for paid adults. The amazing number with two events left is 159,210 paid adults for the speedway's race events.

Still, the second big announcement comes with even more amazement for the competitors in all NASCAR Winston Racing Series divisions. **Ben Dodge has raised \$67,753.94 for the 1995 Riverside weekly divisions point fund.** This is a \$5,913.26 increase over last year, and it is a \$21,373.91 increase over the 1992 season.

The full amount will be distributed to the top 15 in points in all five Riverside divisions. Checks will be given out by Ben Dodge for \$67,753.94 at two award banquets featuring 1,500 guests at The Oaks grand ballroom on November 17th and 18th.

(Limited tickets are available but going fast—call [413] 786-9300, extension 3264.)

The point breakdown and checks are real impressive to Riverside. **The NASCAR Modified Tour division will receive \$29,359.51.** Dan Avery, the Winston Racing Series Champion, will receive \$8,788.20. Second-place Dave Berube will receive \$4,144.10. Doug Meservey will get \$3,406.69 for finishing in third. Ed Spliers will receive \$2,525.28 for fourth, and Ted Riggott (in fifth) will earn \$1,890.87. The entire top 15 receive point money. Tim Zambelli finished 15th and will receive \$611.03, with the top 10 drivers and owners receiving awards in addition to checks.

Tom Carey has won his second Pro Stock title and will receive \$3,305 for the Championship. **The Pro Stock point fund totals \$17,967.23.** Tom Fearn will receive \$2,477.50 for second, third-place Eddy Carroll will receive \$1,877.25. Barry Gray's fourth-

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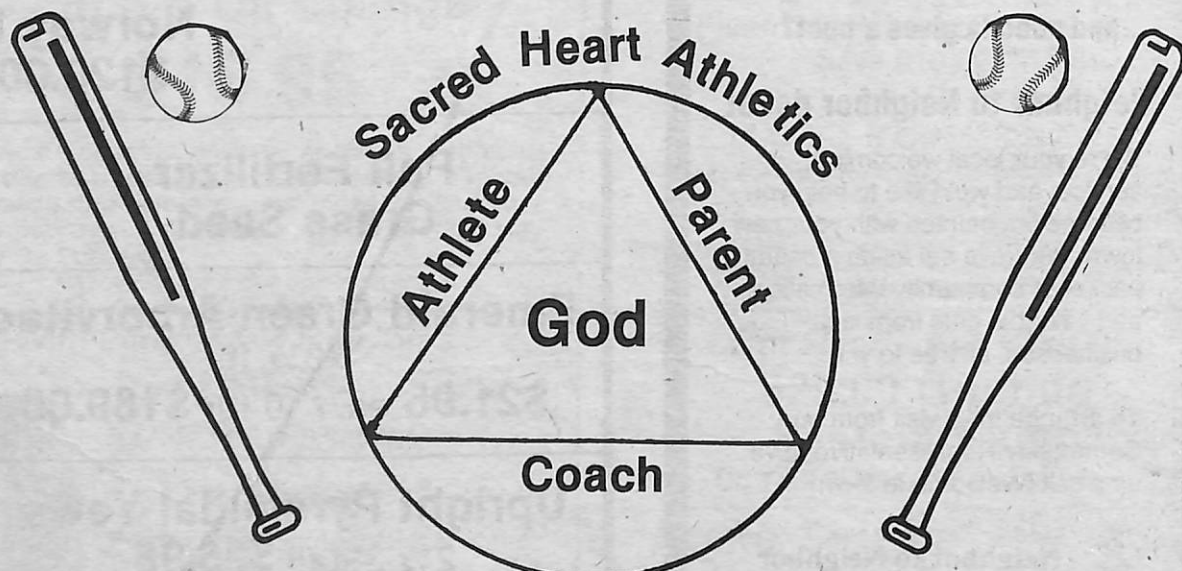
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School Bus Demo At Riverside Oct. 14th

Riverside Park Speedway, under the direction of Ben Dodge, Jr., will present its second School Bus Demolition Derby. That's right, 10 ton school buses in a death-defying demolition event—crashing and crunching each other until one bus is left running. This is "School Bus Demo-Mania!"

The last school bus running gets \$1,000 to win. Anyone who enters and competes with a prepared school bus to the rules is guaranteed to receive \$200 for bringing and destroying a school bus. It's happening rain or shine on Saturday, October 14th, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at Riverside.

And that's still not all. The Riverside October 14th event will also feature several other thrills spectacular functions, like the death-defying figure 8 in a full-size car Marathon Madness Enduro; a four-cylinder with over 75 cars; and the Grand Slam demolition derby. Plus, don't forget that even the school buses will run the figure 8 races in a special event.

Anyone can enter any of these endurance-style events; all you need for the regular Enduro events is a full-size or mid-size car, two- or four-door (no wagons). Remove all the glass (except the windshield), chrome, etc., and bolt or weld the doors. Paint your car numbers on and pre-enter to go racing. You could win as much as \$1,000 in prize money!

No one with a safe car to the basic rules will be turned away. You must arrive by 11:00 a.m. on race day—Saturday, October 14th—if you haven't already pre-entered. Demolitions require even less work with safety in mind.

Besides the school bus demo this Saturday, the event will have "real" race divisions. The Pro 4 Modifieds will be running, as will the Super Stock division, the Strictly Stock division, the Mini Stocks, half-ton trucks, police racing for the Jimmy Fund, and much more. The event will be filled with over 30 action-packed events.

Don't miss it this Saturday, October 14th—the School Bus Demolition Derby plus the Marathon Madness Enduro. All this racing action is family priced at \$12.99 for adults, and \$2.99 for kids (12 years of age and under).

Race day entry is accepted in all classes, and the pit area opens at 10:00 a.m. Inspection is from 10:00 a.m. through 1:30 p.m. The pit fee for anyone 16 years of age and older going into the pit area is \$20 for this special insured event.

Tickets for this special evening of racing go on sale at 4:00 p.m. at the South Gate, with the feature action set to begin at 6:00 p.m. For more information, call 1-800-370-7488 (no. 4) or (413) 786-9300, extension 3264 (attn. Mary).

Also, don't forget that Riverside Park Speedway's final event of the 1995 season will be the "Halloween Howler Enduro" on Saturday, October 28th, featuring a \$100-to-win costume contest.

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place finish will earn \$1,402, and Bill Lauridsen will receive \$1,151.75 for fifth. The rest of the top 15 will receive point checks, which bring the total in excess of \$17,000. Ed Carroll, as an example, will receive \$470.60 for 15th.

The Late Model point fund totals \$13,202.20. Gee Perry will receive \$2,596 as the Late Model Champion. Chuck Docherty will get \$1,648 for second, Fred LaForge (in third) will get \$1,468.20, Rocco Mazziotto will receive \$1,263.40 for fourth, and rounding out the top five will be Glenn Griswold's \$1,008.60. The entire top 15 Late Models will receive checks. For example, Chris Wenzel finished 15th to earn \$374.50.

Imagine this ... **even the Strictly Stocks have a point fund of \$4,075.** The Champion, Ken Mar-

ques, will receive \$1,000. Chuck Alessio will earn \$515 for second. Roy Houle will receive \$410 for third, fourth-place Tom Dileo will get \$350, and Scott Neleber will receive \$295 for his fifth-place finish. Yes, even Riverside's Strictly Stocks (all the top 15) will get point checks. Al Leone will get \$100 for being the 15th-place finisher.

The Pro 4 Modifieds still have one race left, but this division will be receiving a **point fund of \$3,190.** The championship battle is for \$1,150 for George Savary, \$450 for second for Renee Dupuis, \$340 for third for George Ruff, \$230 for fourth for Joe Doucette, and \$170 for fifth-place Chris Osella.

It all comes down to \$67,753.94 in Ben Dodge's 1995 Riverside Point Fund. You can see why car counts of over 150 weekly are the story at Riverside Speedway. The 1996 season starts on March 23rd with the "Bud Big Chill."

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AHS Weekly JV-Frosh Roundup

by Christian DeBonville
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JV FOOTBALL

The JV football team was one of the few AHS teams that didn't see one of their games washed away this past week by the rain. They celebrated Columbus Day by shutting out the South Hadley Tigers 14-0 in a solid team effort.

QB **Eric Melbourne** threw a 35-yard TD pass to **Mike Wing** to start the scoring (making this the fourth time this season that those two have connected for touchdowns). The Brownies then made their first conversion of the year when Melbourne found **Norm Gagne** in the end zone to make it 8-0 Brownies. The Brownies put the game out of reach in the third when **Darin Clark** ran 70 yards down the sidelines for his second JV touchdown of the year.

Throughout the game, the Agawam defense was as tough as nails. Captains for the game were **Adam Kimball**, **Mike Mangano**, and **Matt Feato**, and they got the team pumped up. Mangano and **Chris Bednarzyk** played well at their defensive positions, and **Dan Walker** and **Ryan Wilson** both had clutch interceptions. **Don Hanna** had a nice fumble recovery, and the defensive line of **Chris Olson**, **Bob Johnson**, and **Frank Andruss** played exceptionally well.

Pat Blevins and **Jamie Buiso** both came up with a bunch of tackles for the hard-hitting Brownie D. and **Vinny Curto** had another strong game at fullback. After this convincing win, the 2-1 Brownies seem ready for the Westfield Bombers on October 16th.

FRESHMAN FIELD HOCKEY

The freshman field hockey team was dealt a loss this week when they were defeated by Mother Nature, who washed out their October 6th game against East Longmeadow. It was a disappointment for Coach Goodfellow and her freshmen, who were primed for a victory.

This week, the freshmen will attempt to shoot down JFK, Longmeadow, and South Hadley. **Michelle Bitgood**, **Jill Fogg**, and **Laura Guyer** are a few of the players who will have to play well in order for the team to win. With six games left, the team's hopes and prospects are high.

FRESHMAN BOYS' SOCCER

The freshman boys' soccer team, one of the best in the area, upped their record to 7-2 this week with a victory at Minnechaug against the

Falcons. The team continued their great season with the explosive offense being led by **Dave Thomas**, **Brian Machos**, and **Dave Gallerani** (three captains who have performed solidly all season long).

Adam Blair and **Dave Federico** have also chipped in several times to provide support to the captains. Both **Jamie Cincotta** and **Brett Adamczyk** have been outstanding netminders this season, and both seem to have the skills to advance to varsity in the future. The defense has been led by **Rich Rodriguez** (who has started a few varsity games this season) and **Mike DeFilipi**.

The main story behind Coach Al O'Quinn's team success has not been a few great players, but a team of 17 players who all know their role on the team. Go to their games, and you will see a team that hustles and works at all facets of the game with 100 percent effort.

The team has eight games left, and they will do their best to play hard and be competitive in all of them. And the way they've been playing, it wouldn't be surprising to see them win most of them.

FRESHMAN GIRLS' SOCCER

The freshman girls' soccer squad was robbed of a win this week when rain washed away their game. It was a shame the game was cancelled, for **Lynda Kunasek's** team had a lot of momentum coming off of their 2-1 victory against Westfield last Monday.

The freshmen will meet Holyoke away at presstime, hoping to notch another win. Goalie **Franca Bonavita** has been tough in the net lately, and **Diane Abdala** and **Chris Campbell** have led the offense. **Nikita Reshamwala** and **Cassie Andre's** strong play recently has also been a key to the team's success.

The team has been gaining momentum and confidence lately, and they are working well as a team.

JV GIRLS' SOCCER

The JV girls' soccer team had another solid week, and they now have a respectable .500 record, along with a pair of ties. Their resurgence lately has been the result of good teamwork and exceptional passing.

The leaders of the offense lately have been **Megan Berry**, **Tara Grealis**, and freshman **Barbara Maloni**. **Vanessa Galluzzo** has emerged as one of

the team's best defenders recently, as her constant hustle and aggressiveness have been key to the team's turnaround.

Coach Karen Patterson's club has also been bolstered by the goaltending of **Shannon Beaudry** and **Jen Quigley**. This week, the JV'ers will meet Chicopee Comp and Holyoke, hoping to continue their winning ways.

The team has done a complete turnaround - what looked like a disappointing season is turning into a promising one.

JV FIELD HOCKEY

The JV field hockey team also fell victim to the rain this week, when their game against Minnechaug was rained upon. In their one game this week, the team met West Side and tied. At presstime, the team went up against a powerhouse team from Southwick and will be meeting Westfield and South Hadley in the upcoming week.

Kelli Kunkel and **Alison Scherban** have continued to be two of the team's most promising players, and all the girls have contributed. **Melissa Berry** and **Ashley Corbin** have shown a lot of aggressiveness lately, which has stepped up their level of play and been more competitive.

Coach Katie Poulos and her squad have some tough games coming up, but they are looking forward to each one of them, as their level of play has proven they can battle with the best.

JV BOYS' SOCCER

The JV boys' soccer team continued to play well this week and went 1-0-1, upping their overall record to a respectable 4-5-1. Against Minnechaug, they won 3-1, helped by the goal-scoring of **Nick Dion** and **Dan Siano**, as well as the goaltending of **Jay Malone**.

Against West Side, **Vicenzo Tirone** scored the lone goal and played a great game to salvage a 1-1 tie with the Terriers. **Ryan Grealis** and **Jeff Lyman** have also been performing pretty well lately for the surging JV'ers.

Agawam meets Minnechaug and Westfield this week, hoping to finally get over the .500 mark.

FRESHMAN FOOTBALL

The freshman football team met the Chicopee Pacers this past week, and the result of this game was unavailable as of presstime.

The team has their first home game this Friday versus the Bombers of Westfield.

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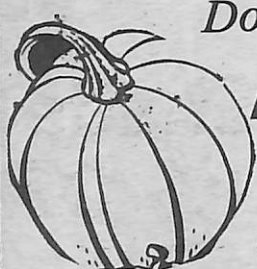
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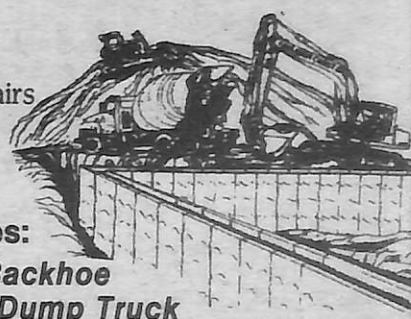
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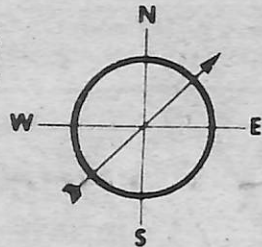
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